

Russians Storm  
Proskurov Bastion

LONDON (CP)—Proskurov, stubbornly-held German bastion in the Ukraine, has been captured by storm by Russian forces, Premier Stalin announced late today in a special order of the day.

Proskurov and Tarnopol formed the right and left anchors of the German central Ukrainian line through which Marshal Gregory Zhukov drove a 60-mile-long wedge almost to the border of Bucovina to the south. Proskurov had held out for weeks against the Russian drive.

Another communique tonight said Russian forces had driven to within 12 miles of the Prut River with the capture of Yedin-tay, below Mogilev-Podolsk.

## Rail Centre Bombed

LONDON (AP)—U.S. medium bombers attacked the rail centre of Hiron in northern France this afternoon, supported by U.S. fighters, it was announced tonight.

## Boy Admits Slayings

ALCOLU, S.C. (AP)—Sheriff H. S. Newman announced this afternoon George Junius, 14, admitted beating to death two small Alcolu girls whose bodies were found in a ditch.

## Wake Island Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. airmen, flying through heavy anti-aircraft fire, bombed Wake Island Thursday, hitting Japanese fuel storage tanks and barracks, it was announced by the navy this afternoon.

All planes returned safely from Wake and from raids on Ponape in the Carolines, and four atolls in the Marshalls.

## Alberta Liquor Probe

EDMONTON (CP)—Three-man legislative committee appointed to investigate the liquor situation in Alberta will hold its organization meeting in Calgary April 11. Municipal Affairs Minister C. E. Gerhart, chairman of the committee, announced today.

## Plane Burns

EDMONTON (CP)—A Canadian Pacific Airlines single-motor airplane was destroyed by fire today at Fort Vermilion. The craft, one of the older models, was being warmed in preparation for a flight. Grant McConachie, general manager of western lines, said he believed there was no baggage or freight on board when it caught fire.

Berlin Suffers  
Biggest Fires Yet

STOCKHOLM (AP)—"They were the biggest fires ever seen in Berlin," plane passengers arriving in Malmoe from the German capital today said of Friday night's R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. raid. They said that practically every section of the old city, except the northern district, had been deluged by high explosives and incendiaries. One passenger described the latest destruction as "colossal," particularly in the central sector.

## Not Guilty

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—City Judge Charles Kelley dismissed today a murder charge against Pte. George E. Inzer, 20-year-old paratroop trainee, who admitted striking and fatally injuring Robert Ricker, 37, a construction worker who, he claimed, had said he wished Japan would win the war.

## 'Hour Approaching'

RAMSGATE, Eng. (CP)—Europe will be invaded from the west when Hitler's war machine has been "sufficiently reduced" to enable the Allies to "close for the kill," Capt. Harold H. Balfour, parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air, said in an address here today. "We know the hour is approaching," he added.

## Vesuvius Toll 26

NAPLES (AP)—Twenty-one persons have been killed by collapse of roofs under the weight of dust and ashes from Mount Vesuvius, bringing the death toll in the eruption of the volcano to 26. Allied military government officials said late today. The lava flow from the volcano has virtually stopped.

Three persons were killed in the village of Terzigno on the volcano's eastern slope Friday night. (Earlier Story Page 13.)

## Troops Aid Vesuvius Refugees



As a wall of rock and molten lava flowed toward them from the end of this little street in San Sebastiano, Italy, last belongings of civilians were carried from the doomed buildings. Allied troops and trucks completed the evacuation of some 12,000 inhabitants of three villages as the eruption of Mount Vesuvius continues. Twenty-six lives are known to have been lost in the eruption.

J. H. Le Page Dies  
In Smoke-Filled  
Downtown Office

James Harold Le Page, well-known Victoria optometrist, died of asphyxiation in his smoke-filled office in the Bank of Toronto Building today at 8:40, apparently having collapsed at the window which, had he been able to open it, would have saved him.

Fire Chief Alex Munroe, who discovered Mr. Le Page, said apparently bed clothing had become ignited by an electric hotplate at the foot of his bed. Mr. Le Page, apparently awakened by the smoke and finding his bed on fire, rushed to his office across the hallway, falling face down against the ledge.

Firemen directed by Capt. Bob Brindle worked for 30 minutes with an inhalator in an effort to revive Mr. Le Page. Dr. E. L. McNiven and Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, attended.

It is believed the hotplate was left on when Mr. Le Page retired. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze.

Dr. Hart announced he was making investigations and would decide Monday whether an inquest was necessary.

The body was removed to S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. A widow, Mr. Le Page leaves two sons, David, at Powell River, and Morley, in Victoria; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Powell, Victoria, and Mrs. M. Lineham, Port Alberni; one sister, Miss Mary Le Page, Victoria; one brother, W. M. Vancouver, and four grandchildren. He was born in Winnipeg 59 years ago and came here 40 years ago.

To Release Students  
To Help Farmers

B.C. students will again this year be released from their classrooms to help on the land, Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education, announced today.

Students of Grades 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be released from school after June 1, if they have made sufficient progress during the year to entitle them to promotion to a higher grade. Students of Grade 12 will be released if they have made an average standing on the year's work of 66 per cent.

Pupils thus released before the end of the school year for work on farms may be kept at school an hour later during April and May.

"High Schools may be closed during September and October, or if the school is kept open, students who are employed in farming operations during those months may be excused from attendance, provided that on their return they make up the lost time by intensive training," Mr. Perry said. "This year, processing of farm products in canneries and dehydrating plants is included in the farming operations."

## More Mexican Trade

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican-Canadian trade activity will be quadrupled after the war, William F. A. Turgeon, first Canadian ambassador to Mexico, predicted today upon arriving to assume his post.



A vast pall of smoke and flame hovered over Mount Vesuvius when this night photo was taken during the height of the Italian volcano's eruption. Beyond the silhouette of the town in the foreground can be seen streams of white-hot lava which followed the course of valleys down the mountain.



Buildings of San Sebastiano, Italy, crumbled and crashed as the lava poured down the slopes and swallowed villages, orchards and vineyards. Pictures above were flashed by radio from Algiers to New York.

## Opinion Evenly Divided On Canada-Empire Policy

By Canadian Institute of Public Opinion.

TORONTO—In recent weeks the question of whether Canada should singly formulate and act upon her own foreign policy or join with the other Dominions in working out a foreign policy for the Commonwealth as a whole has been discussed by statesmen and experts from one coast of Canada to the other.

In the wake of speeches on this highly controversial issue by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner, and many others, Institute opinion reporters went forth to sound out the opinions of rank and file Canadians on the issue, by asking the following question:

"Which of these would you like to see Canada do after the war: 1. Decide for herself how she deal with other countries in the world, or: 2. Join with the other Dominions and Britain in deciding one foreign policy for the whole Empire?"

Canadian opinion divides as follows: Decide for herself, 47 per cent; join with Dominions, 46 per cent; undecided, 7 per cent.

While national opinion is more or less split evenly on the issue, Quebec shows a marked difference from the rest of the country. The following table shows Quebec as compared with other parts of Canada.

Decide for herself 48% 45% 29%  
Join with Dominions 37% 45% 54%  
Undecided 15% 10% 17%

Bombs Blanket Berlin  
100 Nazis Hit LondonRuss Exploiting  
Tarnopol Break;  
Near Czernowitz

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army was reported today to be exploiting its broad Tarnopol break-through in the southeastern corner of Poland into a full-scale smash to fling the Germans back past Czernowitz to the Carpathian border.

Pravda said the mighty thrust between Tarnopol and Proskurov was gaining headway. The Russians already are within sight of the distant peaks of the mountain range which cuts like a sickle through Rumania.

While Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's Tarnopol drive cut the Tarnopol-Lwow railway and knifed closer to the Lwow-Czernowitz trunk line, capture of Byelski, traffic control point for northern Moldavia, appeared to be a matter of hours, front dispatches said.

Its fall would give the Russians virtual control of a 200-mile stretch of the eastern bank of the Dniester River. The Red Army force there would then be in a position to go smashing down on Galatz and the Danube valley or, the exposed side of the mountain barrier. Kishinev, capital of Moldavia, lies 60 miles south of this developing offensive in the path of any drive in this direction.

## SEE RUMANIAN HILLS

Following the advances of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 2nd Ukrainian Army through Moldavia, his advanced units have reached some elevated points where the foothills on the Rumanian side of the Prut River are in plain sight. They were pushing along the road leading over the Carpathian foothills from captured Sekurek to Czernowitz, while six miles to the south other units advanced rapidly along the road from Oknitra to Trinka.

Front dispatches to Red Star said Zhukov's army cut the German front to pieces in its 62-mile, four-day advance, but that separated enemy groups were offering stiff resistance.

Proskurov and Tarnopol, dispatches added, appeared about to follow the fate of the Bug River town of Voznesensk and fall to Zhukov's troops.

## NAZI LINE COLLAPSES

The Dniester River city of Kamenev Podolsk, between Proskurov and Zernowitz, likewise is in the path of the Russian steamroller, and the whole German-Rumanian position in the extreme south, appears to be rapidly collapsing, dispatches said.

Units of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's army were said to be pushing into the suburbs of Nikolaev, Black Sea port on the south-eastern end of the front, while battering away at the resistance of German troops holding the southern sector of the Odessa-Lwow railway.

## Fire in Cornwall, Ont.

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Occupants of 10 apartments escaped from their smoke-filled residences today as fire swept part of the McLennan Block in downtown Cornwall, causing losses expected to reach a total of \$300,000.

Germans Reinforce  
Cassino Garrison  
By Secret Tunnels

By LYNN HEINZELING

NAPLES (AP)—Tough German paratroopers, ordered by their commander, Lt. Gen. Richard Heindrich, to cling to Cassino at all cost, and throw the Allies out if possible, are holding New Zealand troops in tight confines in the southern part of the town.

The Germans have been able to get three more tanks into the lobby of the ruined Continental Hotel and apparently are reinforcing their troops through secret tunnels, it was disclosed today.

One of the tunnels used by the Germans was said to extend more than 1,000 yards from the wrecked abbey atop Monastery Hill to the vicinity of Castle Hill, which the Germans have been trying desperately to take from New Zealand troops of the 5th Army.

## BRIEF COMMUNIQUE

The Allied communique said "heavy fighting continues in Cassino, where the general situation remains unchanged."

After more than a week of bitter but indecisive fighting in and around Cassino, Allied chances of breaking through the German defences there and advancing into the Liri valley leading to Rome were considered as remote as when the intensified push started.

Allied big guns supported tanks in the slugging match with German armor in the vicinity of both the Continental Hotel and the Hotel des Roses in Cassino. Both sides maintained almost continuous shellfire.

## 400 YEARS OLD

According to local legend, the Continental Hotel and Castle Hill are the focal points in a tunnel system running through the hills behind the town and in Cassino itself. The tunnels are said to have been built in the 16th century during a search for buried treasure.

The Germans maintained heavy shelling of the Anzio and Nettuno beachhead areas and there were also scattered patrol clashes.

Friday's communique said artillery and mortars were active on both side on the 8th Army front where a Canadian corps is operating.

## Probe Sulfa Death

TORONTO (CP)—Dr. Smirle Lawson, Chief Coroner of Ontario, said today he has ordered an inquest into the death of a Toronto man from the effects of sulfanilamide drug.

He said the decision was reached after reviewing the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 10 other persons in Toronto in the last year, all believed due to taking too large quantities of the drug. In most cases it was taken without a doctor's prescription, but in others it had been prescribed, the coroner said.

## O. C. Soccer

LONDON (CP)—The greatest crowds of the English soccer season today thrilled to some of the best play seen in wartime as eight teams emerged as quarterfinalists for the League North cup and the League south decided cup semifinals. Scores were:

Manchester City 3, Liverpool 2; Rochdale 2, Blackpool 1; Newcastle 4, Doncaster 1; Manchester United 1, Birmingham 1.

Quarterfinal draws after today's games pitted Aston Villa against Bath, Manchester City against Birmingham, Blackpool against Bradford, and Sheffield United against Newcastle. First game of the home-and-home total goal series will be played April 1.

## New Manager for Quints

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—Keith Munro, former Toronto newspaperman, has resigned as business manager of the Dionne quintuplets after serving in that capacity for nearly seven years. Today he was on his way to New York City, where he will enter public relations work with a private corporation.

1,000-Plane Raid  
Lures Luftwaffe  
Into Night Fight

LONDON (CP)—More than 1,000 R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers poured a heavy load of destruction on Berlin and other targets in Germany Friday night in operations which cost 73 planes, the Air Ministry announced today.

Squadrons of the Canadian bomber group participated in the raid on the German capital, which was blasted anew with 2,800 tons of bombs.

Thirteen Canadian bombers were among the 73 planes lost. Kiel and other objectives in western Germany also were bombed during the night.

Planes from the Tiger, Leaside, Snowy Owl and Porcupine squadrons of the R.C.A.F. bomber group flew to Berlin. Members of the crews reported perfect visibility and said there was heavy flak and intense searchlight activity.

High explosives and fire bombs blanketed the German capital. The German radio said other British bomber formations had raided Leipzig and Weimar, but there was no immediate confirmation of this in London.

The night bombers which pounded Berlin fought through one of the bitterest night sky battles of the war. The Berlin radio said German night fighters began attacking the huge armada as it crossed Heligoland in the North Sea and fought it all the way to the capital.

## 4 Canadian Squadrons In Raid

Four squadrons of the Canadian bomber group—the Tiger, Leaside, Snowy Owl and Porcupine—helped to blast Berlin Friday night's smashing attack.

An R.C.A.F. communique referred to the Canadian planes as "a large number of Halifaxes and Lancasters," a term usually used to indicate the Canadian bomber group was about flat out.

Canadian Mosquito bombers also ranged over a wide area of enemy territory, attacking airfields.

"Conditions were perfect," said FO. R. D. Wilson of Vancouver, a Tiger squadron air bomber who flew to Berlin. "As we came out there were a number of heavy explosions occurring at intervals."

FO. Hilliard Smith of Clandeboye, Man., told of three big explosions—"one of them was really something with tongues of orange and red flames 200 feet high."

WO. John Rabchak of Kam-sack, Sask., said Jerry was using rocket guns in an "F" formation and they had to climb several times to get beyond the range. For WO2. Vince McDonald of Meota, Sask., it was the fifth trip to Berlin.

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## Fire 6 Miles Long In Berlin

British crews said they had seen a fire six miles in length, which appeared to be in the area of the Berlin freight yards, as they left Berlin last night.

The largest previous R.A.F. loss in the current "battle of Berlin" was 47 bombers on Jan. 28 but 58 R.A.F. bombers were lost in a preliminary raid on the capital on Aug. 23.

In their daylight smashes at Berlin, the Americans had a record loss of 68 bombers and 11 fighters on March 6.

Rumanian Mission  
Arrives in Turkey

LONDON (CP)—The expected arrival of a Rumanian delegation in Turkey on a mystery mission was reported today in an Istanbul dispatch as other advice indicated Hitler was meeting widespread opposition in his military occupation of Balkan States.

Writing from Istanbul, Associated Press correspondent William B. King said the Rumanian mission, headed by Paul Sterian, secretary-general of the Rumanian Foreign Office, was due there today from Bucharest.

"The announced purpose of the visit is to reach a commercial agreement with Turkey," King said, "but in view of the turbulent Balkan situation unusual importance is attached to the mission. It is unlikely routine commercial problems would be handled by top Rumanian diplomats."

An Associated Press dispatch from Madrid quoted Hungarian sources there as saying carefully laid sabotage had blocked Hitler's plans for looting Hungary's food stores and using her transport system.

Germany claimed 102 bombers were shot down in the long running fight which culminated in an hour-long battle over the capital. It was the 16th major R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. raid on Berlin since Nov. 18.

Friday night's bomb load equalled the record load loosed over Berlin in the night raid of Feb. 15, but fell short of the all-time mark of 3,360 tons dropped on Frankfurt Wednesday night by an R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. force.

About 100 German bombers Friday night broke through London's barrage to blast at the British capital's business properties, dwellings and churches with tons of incendiaries in the longest raid in 12 months. Eleven were shot down.

"It is clear the British have suffered one of their heaviest defeats in the Battle of Berlin," said a German broadcast describing the attacks of the German air force.

The loss was the R.A.F.'s highest in its 16 major assaults on the No. 1 German target, but fell six short of the record 79 lost in the R.A.F.-R.C.A.F.'s Jan. 19 blow at Leipzig.

In the revived German opposition, after the beating Hitler's air forces have taken in recent daylight blows by U.S. bombers, was seen an indication that the Germans are undertaking a last-ditch stand for the preservation of what remains of their capital.

Churchill May Call  
For Final Effort

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—Political circles forecast today that Prime Minister Churchill's Sunday night broadcast would be a summons to Britain for the last great effort against the Axis and said it might prove one of his greatest speeches.

The broadcast, starting at 9 p.m. (1 p.m. P.D.T.), will be beamed to North America and all parts of the Empire where reception time is convenient. A record of the speech will be broadcast at least four times and translations in more than 20 languages will be beamed to Europe.

(The CBC will carry the broadcast.)

Churchill featured in Russian reports

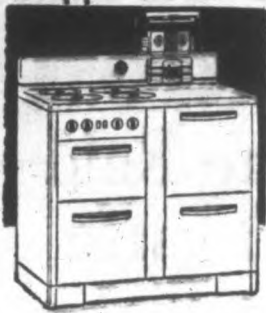
MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's speech to U.S. invasion forces in Britain during a two-day inspection was reported prominently by the Soviet press and radio today, with particular attention devoted to the Prime Minister's intimation that the invasion of western Europe soon would get under way.



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## 3 VICHYITES SLAIN

MADRID (AP)—French papers received here Friday reported three "terrorists" killed three Vichy police in a three-hour gun battle in the heart of Paris, the fight ending only when one of the "terrorists" was killed and the others wounded.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Margaret Jenkins Parent**, Teacher Association presents Belmont Players in "Aunt Minnie From Minnesota," March 30, at S. School Auditorium.

**Mount Tolmie Red Cross Unit** Old-time Dance, A.O.F. Hall, March 31. Stewart's orchestra. Admission 50 cents.

**St. Mary's Ladies' Guild** rummage sale, Yale Street, Oak Bay, March 28. Bundles called for. Phone E 1371.

**Ward 2 Liberal Association** are having a free bingo on Tuesday evening the 28th, at 8. All members and friends welcome.

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## Belgium Commission Ready for Economic, Social Rebuilding

By WILLIAM STEWART  
LONDON (CP)—Belgian commission which has been at work two years, is doing the spadework for the postwar reconstruction of little Belgium.

The commission, appointed by the wartime Belgian government in London, has studied the country's economic life. Under its auspices a "little Beveridge report" on social reform has been prepared.

Its work has been limited to the availability of information from the country, which has suffered heavily under Nazi rule. Where possible, legal machinery is already being prepared here to smooth the way for quick application of reconstruction measures.

Belgium will have to be rebuilt practically from the ground up. Primarily an industrial nation, her mines, factories and railways have gone ragged during the years of Nazi occupation. Of her working population of approximately 1,000,000, some 600,000 workers have been deported to Germany.

## WILL NEED HELP

A nation whose imports in the last year of peace amounted to about \$50,000,000, and whose exports were only slightly less, Belgium will have to rely greatly on international co-operation to get back on her feet.

The Reconstruction Commission allotted to sub-sections the individual questions of international policy, state reform, economic problems, social problems, reconstruction and town planning and educational reform.

Decrees have been prepared which will give the government legal authority to carry out temporary measures decided on. During the emergency period, after the end of hostilities, a program of building to relieve unemployment is planned.

## FINANCE VITAL QUESTION

One of the problems to which the reconstruction commission has given a great deal of thought, is the question of finance and of stabilizing the money value, now inflated under the German occupation.

On the success of such stabilization will hinge the outcome of a program of social insurance that has been prepared, as well as the adequacy of a system of relief allowance which the government believes will be necessary to tide the population over the period of repatriation and economic reorganization.

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## Blast in Coal Mine Kills 14 Firemen

SHINNSTON, W.Va. (AP)—Fourteen men who entered the recently-opened Katherine No. 4 coal mine to fight a fire, were believed killed by a terrific blast which shattered part of the workings early today.

Rescue work was at a standstill while workmen restored the damaged ventilating system, but company officials and West Virginia mines department spokesmen said that "there is every reason to believe" the trapped men were dead.

The Katherine Coal Company issued a casualty list of 14 known to have been inside when the blast occurred.

When the explosion rocked the mine, flames leaped from the drift mouth in such volume that two automobiles parked nearby were set afire.

## Driving Most Dangerous Saturday Afternoons

VANCOUVER (CP)—Most dangerous time to drive a car is between 4 and 5 p.m. on a Saturday, a statistical summary of motor vehicle accidents in British Columbia for the year, 1943, reveals.

Of the total of 5,213 accidents reported, 1,001 took place on Saturdays, 466 of them between 4 and 5 p.m.

Men drivers between the ages of 25 and 40 who have had five years or more driving experience head the list of those responsible for accidents.

Again, upsetting common theories, drunken drivers do not cause most accidents. The report shows only 2 cases of intoxicated drivers as against 7,793 normal.

Pedestrians following traffic rules were involved in comparatively few accidents.

Altogether, the report shows 2,403 persons were injured in vehicular accidents during 1943 and 121 persons were killed.

## Convicts Moved

OTTAWA (CP)—A number of convicts have been moved in two special trains from the Kingston Penitentiary to unidentified western penitentiaries, an official of the Department of Justice announced here.

He made the disclosure, explaining only that it was in "a move to make more efficient use of penitentiary facilities and personnel."

## McNaughton at Meeting

MONTREAL (CP)—Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, former commander of the Canadian army overseas, was guest of honor at the installation of new officers of the Sir Arthur Currie Branch, Canadian Legion, here Friday night. He did not address the meeting, but expressed his appreciation for being invited to the function.

## Detroit Woman Spy Gets 12 Year Term; Others Sentenced

DETROIT (AP)—Miss Grace Buchanan-Dineen, sometimes called a "countess" and four others, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the War-time Espionage Act, were sentenced to varying prison terms in federal court here today.

Miss Buchanan-Dineen, described as a native of Toronto, called leader of the group by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a government witness before the grand jury, was sentenced to 12 years.

Stiffest sentence went to Mrs. Theresa Behrens, German-American secretary of the International Centre of the Detroit Y.W.C.A. She was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. She fainted in the courtroom.

Other sentences were: Mrs. Emma Elise Leonhardt, five years; her husband, Carl John W. Leonhardt, 10 years, and Walter Joseph Abt, 10 years. All are of Detroit.

Leonhardt was one of the founders of a branch of the Nazi party here, and Abt was a research engineer and tool designer for Detroit war plants.

He and the others were accused of conspiring to obtain information concerning the war effort in the Detroit industrial area and transmit it to Nazi Germany.

## PHYSICIAN IN PRISON

Dr. Fred William Thomas, a Detroit obstetrician, and only one of the group of eight to stand trial, was convicted and sentenced a fortnight ago to 16 years' imprisonment.

Bertrand Stuart Hoffman, a merchant seaman, was declared mentally incompetent as he was about to go on trial and the charges against him were dismissed. Subsequently a Probate Court jury found him sane.

Besides the eight arrested here, 16 others were named in indictments as co-conspirators but not defendants. Among them were Gylia Rozinek, whom the F.B.I. identified as a "master spy recruiter for the Gestapo," and his wife, Sari de Hajek.

Sentencing of Mrs. Marianne von Moltke, wife of a suspended German language instructor at Wayne University, Detroit, was deferred. The U.S. District Attorney's office said she had been making additional statements and that investigation of the information had not been completed.

## C.N.R. Budgeting For 1944 Revenue Of \$421,700,000

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian National Railways are budgeting for a 1944 operating revenue of \$421,700,000 compared with last year's budgeted revenue of \$400,000,000 and actual revenue of \$406,615,955. It was disclosed in figures presented to the Commons Friday by Transport Minister Michaud.

The system is budgeting for \$333,200,000 operating expenses compared with last year's budgeted expenses of \$311,500,000 and the actual expenses of \$324,476,670.

Thus the 1944 budgeted net operating revenue is \$88,500,000, the same as last year, but compared with the actual net revenue last year of \$116,140,285.

Total budgeted revenues for Canadian National Steamships is given as \$4,680,000, compared with last year's actual revenue of \$4,319,441.9 and the 1943 budgeted revenue of \$3,317,000. Budgeted expenses for 1944 are estimated at \$3,754,000, compared with last year's actual revenue of \$3,188,379 and the budgeted revenue of \$2,320,000.

Net income of the C.N.S. in 1944 is estimated at \$231,000 compared with last year's actual income of \$438,837.

In the C.N.R. audit report by George A. Touche and Co. of Montreal, tabled in the Commons, uniform accounting practices for Canadian railways are recommended.

The report refers to the uniform depreciation accounting system made effective in the U.S. by the Interstate Commerce Commission last year. Introduction of such a plan in Canada would not be practicable until after the war because of the work involved. Some such plan should, however, be brought in as soon as possible after the war, contingent on mandatory establishment of uniform accounting regulations for all Canadian railways, says the report.

## Concession Made To Victims of Nazis

MADRID (AP)—French workers being recruited for Germany now are offered the "inducement" that if they are killed by Allied bombs their heirs will not have to pay inheritance taxes. A decree to that effect was published in Vichy papers which reached here Friday.

## Widow to Receive Medals for Husband

EDMONTON (CP)—Presentation of three decorations, awarded posthumously to Lieut. Jess Rogers, U.S. army air force, will be made here Sunday to the widow, an Edmonton girl.

The presentation will be made to Mrs. Gladys M. Rogers in a ceremony by Brig. Gen. Dale V. Gaffney, commanding general of the Alaskan wing, U.S. Air Transport Command.

The decorations are the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Purple Heart. Lieut. Rogers enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1941 and transferred to the U.S.A.A.F. when the U.S. entered the war. He was killed over Europe Aug. 31, 1943.

## 16 and 3-Year Bonds for Issue In Victory Loan

OTTAWA (CP)—The bonds of Canada's Sixth Victory Loan will take the form of two maturities, a 16-year and one month issue and a three-year and 10-month issue, it was announced Friday night by Defence Minister Ralston, acting Minister of Finance in the absence of Hon. J. L. Lacey.

The loan campaign, which will open April 24 and last about three weeks, has a minimum objective of \$1,200,000,000. The minimum objective from civilians is \$525,000,000, while the balance will be obtained from special names.

The objective is the same as the Fifth Victory Loan drive, held last autumn.

The new Victory Bonds will mature as follows:

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"There is every indication," said Mr. Ralston, "that Canadian forces overseas will participate in even heavier fighting during the months to come. It is, therefore, the duty, the responsibility, and the privilege of Canadians in every walk of life to participate to the very limit in the Sixth Victory Loan, and in so doing support the men who are fighting for us."

"During the Fifth Victory Loan there were 3,033,000 applications for Victory Bonds. It is our hope that this figure will be greatly increased for the Sixth Victory Loan so that once again the financial participation of individual Canadians will hit a new high level of accomplishment."

## Tent, Stove, Fuel Dropped for Fliers

HALIFAX (CP)—A tent, a stove and fuel, flashlights, flares, shovels, markers to guide searching aircraft, and a first aid kit were contained in a parachute dropped to the three occupants of a crashed Quebec Airways plane on an ice floe in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by PO. Murray Horton of Vancouver, pilot of one of the R.C.A.F. aircraft which searched the gulf for the missing men.

PO. Gordon Jarrett, Toronto, R.C.A.F. public relations photographer, who was aboard the plane, said Horton dropped the parachute "very neatly—so it hit the ice about 20 yards from the men, who immediately started untying it and setting up the supplies." The crew of the plane included WOJ Roy Pinder, Stettler, Alta., wireless operator.

When they left the area PO. Jarrett said the icebreaker Sorel, which rescued the men Tuesday, was then about 15 miles away, slowly crashing through the ice. (Later dispatches reported the Sorel had reached port today.)

## Three Killed in Crash Of Cars in Manitoba

BRANDON, Man. (CP)—Three persons were killed and several injured Friday night when two automobiles collided near Glossop Sliding, 60 miles northwest of here.

The dead: Lou Wersh of Strathclair, Man.; Marie Austin, Glossop Sliding, and Margaret Winston, Strathclair. Wersh was with a party of curriers en route home from Basswood Man., while the two others were returning from a concert at Strathclair.

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## Says Canadians Must Expect Heavy Casualties

REGINA (CP)—Cost in casualties of the expected invasion of western Europe may stagger the people of Canada, J. A. M. Cook, war correspondent for the Regina Leader-Post and the Sifton news-papers, said today in an interview. He returned recently after 14 months overseas, in England and the Mediterranean area.

"We might as well face the facts and realize the toll is sure to be terrific in projected landings and, because of their important role, Canadians may suffer as much as anyone," said Cook, who explained that he felt too many Canadians look on the invasion as an accomplished fact and that "all we have to do is land and the Germans will then fold up."

## AT THE SANGRO

"Sicily and southern Italy were not so severe on the Canadians. Seldom did the Germans make a determined stand in southern Italy. They kept up a stubborn rearguard action until the Sangro River was reached, then made a stand with strong, prepared defences."

"After that our Canadians went in, and during the course of a month there were more casualties than in all the preceding months in Italy."

Cook, who said "our fighting Canadians are as good as any soldiers in the world," asserted the Germans have a fatalistic attitude about the war and will fight to the end.

In a discussion of Allied tactics in the Mediterranean theatre, he said commanders had made every effort to conserve manpower.

## Night Flier Ace

LONDON (CP)—Wing Cmdr. J. R. D. Braham, R.A.F. night fighter pilot, got his 22nd and 23rd Nazi planes Friday in a 1,000-mile daylight coast sweep. Near Aalborg over the northern tip of Denmark he shot down a Messerschmitt 109 and a Junkers 82.

## No Violence Marks On Sechelt Woman

NANAIMO (CP)—Autopsy here Friday night failed to reveal any sign of violence on the body of Mrs. Gertrude Paul, 31, Sechelt Indian, who was found dead Friday in a seine boat moored near here.

Staff Sgt. Frank Russell, head of the provincial police detachment here, said no indications that the woman was murdered had yet been uncovered.

Mrs. Paul's husband, Reginald, is being held by police on a charge of possession of liquor, and George and Frank Bob, crew members of the seine, are held by police on intoxication charges.

## Engineers Breakdown

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—A woman has been admitted at last to full membership in the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The institution Friday elected Miss Erna Holmes, technical officer, in the Ministry of Labor.

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### Kindly Driver Robbed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Marcel Chapotelle told police he was driving along the highway when he saw a man, apparently injured, lying by the roadside. Chapotelle stopped his automobile and went to help him. Just then somebody slipped up behind Chapotelle and shoved a gun against his ribs. Chapotelle was relieved of \$20, his registration card and two gasoline ration books. Then the "injured" man and his companion disappeared.

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## Japs Link Siam, Burma By Rail; 1 Column 30 Miles From Imphal

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH  
NEW DELHI (AP)—Japanese columns, thrusting along three invasion roads into India, are meeting with stiff resistance and encouraging setbacks, a South-east Asia headquarters communiqué indicated today.

In north Burma U.S. and Chinese troops occupied Shaduzup, 45 miles northwest of Mogaung on the Myitkyna-Mandalay railway.

An announcement that heavy bombers two days ago carried out their first low level bombing and strafing attack along a section of the "Burma-Siam railway" disclosed that the Japanese have built a rail link with their eastern conquest.

(The Japanese have been reported making great efforts to construct a rail line across Thailand (Siam) which would link south China seaports with Burma and permit them to supply the Burma front without risking the hazards of the sea route around Singapore.)

**GURKHAS IN DRIVE**  
Shaduzup is 58 miles northwest of Myitkyna, the Japanese rail head in northern Burma, on which a commando force of Gurkha and Kachin (native) troops is advancing from the Sumprabum area in the north. Sumprabum is 85 miles north of Myitkyna.

The Japanese made some progress making the Japanese rail road in a northerly direction. Tamu is 45 miles southeast of Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur.

(A Japanese Domei dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio, giving an account of the situation on the Indian Manipur frontier, where three Japanese forces are striking into India, said "major Japanese and national Indian troops have succeeded in advancing up to the enemy stronghold of Tamu, which is two kilometers distant from the frontier." The dispatch, as quoted by the Berlin radio, claimed that the fall of Tamu, 45 miles southeast of Imphal, was impending.)

Further south in the Arakan region, the Allied communiqué reported attacks on Japanese positions south of Butheung which met with "some success."

**JAPS DRIVEN FROM TOWN**  
Ahead of the commandos the Japanese evacuated the town of Main Tongkhah, after setting it afire.

The communiqué contained the first information that a commando force has been operating in this area. The bulletin added: "Stiff pockets of Japanese resistance are being reduced by Gen. Stilwell's troops and they are making slow but steady progress into Mogaung Valley."

An editorial in the Hindustan Times, asserting that Southeast Asia Command communiqué have failed to give a progressive picture of the Japanese penetration into India, prompted a spokesman to declare today that "the communiques are no more obscure than the military situation itself."

The spokesman emphasized that difficulties were encountered in fighting the enemy because of the almost impenetrable jungle covering the battle region—an area some 180 miles long and 80 miles wide.

**THREATEN JAP BASE**  
A communiqué from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said a steady advance was being made in the Mogaung Valley in fighting now in its fifth day. The advance threatened to cut off the main enemy base of Myitkyna in northern Burma.

Admiral Lord Louis Mount-

batten's communiqué said the Japanese had made further progress south of the Palel-Tamu Road—the southeastern approach to Imphal—but to the north of the road they had been thrown out of a position they had occupied during an attack the day before.

On the northeastern approach fighting was reported going on, with a Japanese column in the Sonra Hill tracts, near Uthul. Some Japanese detachments were making progress and one was forced to withdraw.

British troops to the south of Imphal continued to attack Japanese road blocks that had been established across the road to Tiddim, and another of these positions was wiped out.

At latest reports, Japanese patrols had approached to within 30 miles of Imphal, a British base for operations in Burma, from the south and 38 miles from the southeast.

### BRITISH TAKE HILL

In the southern, or Arakan sector, north of Akyab, British troops have taken an important hill position north of the Maung-daw-Buthedaung Road.

The communiqué said two bridges were destroyed, five probably destroyed and two damaged, one locomotive destroyed, a train derailed and another damaged when the heavy bombers attacked the new Burma-Siam Railroad.

The capture of Shaduzup was effected by cutting around the Japanese from the east, and as a result the retreat of an undetermined number of Japanese was cut off. This force was caught between the Shaduzup force and Allied troops in Jambu Bum, the dividing line between the Hukawng and Mogaung valleys.

## Editors, Publishers Gather at Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Next week is, unofficially, "newspaper week" for Toronto as the Dominion editors and publishers assemble for the annual meetings of the Canadian Press and the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association. Meetings are scheduled daily up to and including Saturday.

C.D.N.A. committee meetings began Friday and directors of Press News Limited, C.P.'s radio affiliate, met today.

For the 88 members of the Canadian Press, Canada's news co-operative, the week starting Monday will provide an inventory of news-gathering progress, difficulties under the impact of war, and plans for shifting the whole approach of news coverage in the transition from war to peace.

For C.D.N.A. members it will give an opportunity to discuss wartime publishing in the face of newsprint and manpower problems.

With Arthur R. Ford of the London, Ont., Free Press, president during the last two years, in the chair, C.P. directors will meet Monday and Tuesday. At the annual meeting of the members Wednesday Mr. Ford will deliver the president's address and J. A. McNeil, general manager, will report on the C.P.'s year.

The C.P. marked the passing of a milestone—the 25th anniversary—at last year's meeting. This year the anniversary of the founding of the Empire Press Union, Hon. J. J. Astor, publisher of the London Times and president of the E.P.U., will be the principal speaker at a dinner Wednesday evening.

## Today's War News Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE  
Associated Press War Analyst

If you'll draw a circle around the European war zone and then check off on its circumference the outstanding current events, you will find you have a diagram which emphasizes the big thing in the lives of all of us—that the final showdown with Hitler is near.

Prime Minister Churchill told U.S. air-borne troops in England Friday that they "soon" will have the opportunity of landing in Nazi-occupied Europe. His voice registered emotion as he made the declaration.

Britain's famous Gen. Montgomery of desert fame, referring to the forthcoming invasion in a London speech, said: "We are preparing to take part in the biggest tug-of-war the world has ever seen... the promised land is not so far off now."

### AIR PREPARATION

British and U.S. bombers have reached an unprecedented pitch of offensive fury in preparation for the invasion. In one period of 36 hours this week they dumped more than 7,000 tons of death and destruction on the enemy. This intensification presages land action.

The U.S. is pouring troops and equipment into Britain. Wherever you look you find Hitler feverishly preparing for this last battle. All his operations are purely defensive, even where they are counterblows.

Stockholm reports the Nazis are assembling shipping and landing barges in East Prussian ports. This presumably is for protection of his Baltic flank, perhaps to occupy the Finnish Ahvenanmaa Islands as defence against the Russian fleet, released when the siege of Leningrad was raised.

On the blazing Russian front there's a circumstance which may be significant. Hitler has several times announced Russian offensives some days before Moscow has said anything about them. It is quite possible Hitler is giving advance notice as a cover when he deliberately pulls back his long, unwieldy line here and there—getting ready to retreat to a new front through Poland.

Down in the Balkans the Fuehrer is rapidly extending operations for physical control not only of Hungary but of Rumania and Bulgaria. That's all defensive. The great Danubian gateway from Hungary into Austria, which is virtually part of his inner fortress, must be held at all costs. The Nazis' fierce resistance in Italy is to give added protection to the Hitlerian set-up in the Balkans.

### ALLIES' WAR AIMS

One of the most interesting developments as we race towards Armageddon is the simultaneous reiteration of the broad Allied war aims by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. This presumably is in answer to the widespread call for clarification of "what we are fighting for." F.D.R. stated the case like this:

"The United Nations are fighting to make a world in which tyranny and aggression can not exist; a world based upon freedom, equality and justice; a world in which all persons regardless of race, color or creed may live in peace, honor and dignity."

Mr. Churchill also declared that "the dark tyrannies shall be broken and battered" down. Both statesmen renewed their promises that war guilty will be punished.

## Exchequer Court for Divorces Urged In Parliament; Situation a 'Disgrace'

OTTAWA (CP)—Speaking in the Commons Friday on a bill to add a puisne judge to the Exchequer Court of Canada bench, bringing the number to three, Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader, said the public believed it was almost "a national disgrace" divorce legislation should have to be dealt with by Parliament.

Divorce bills come to Parliament only from Quebec and Prince Edward Island, provinces in which divorces are not granted by local courts.

Mr. Graydon said divorces should be referred to the Exchequer Court.

Frederic Dorion, Ind. Charlevoix-Saguenay, Que., said Quebec would never consent to have divorce cases decided by provincial courts. But study might well be given to extending the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court to divorce cases.

Rev. T. C. Douglas, C.C.F., Weyburn, Sask., said he supported having divorce cases dealt with by the Exchequer Court.

Mr. Graydon said he had informed judgments in cases argued before the Supreme Court had been outstanding for more than a year. In some cases litigants had to come to Ottawa from all parts of Canada, and if the situation was correctly reported it amounted to "practically a denial of justice to litigants." The government had the major responsibility for the situation.

He had heard that the President of the Exchequer Court (Hon. J. T. Thorson) had been called on to sit on the bench of the Supreme Court, but Justice Minister St. Laurent said he understood that had happened only once.

**No Thought of Reward For Political Work**  
Mr. Graydon said that in the appointment of an additional Exchequer Court judge there should be no thought of a reward for anyone who had been active in politics.

J. G. Diefenbaker, P.C., Lake Centre, Sask., said the judiciary was not held in the esteem it had enjoyed in past years, and one reason was the appointment of judges to royal commission duties.

Alfred H. Bence, P.C., Saskatoon, said that at present three

judges of superior courts had been appointed to boards, and Mr. Justice Thomas Davis of Saskatchewan has been made High Commissioner to Australia.

Mr. St. Laurent said he understood the amount of litigation in Saskatchewan was not such as to cause any undue delays.

He said he had signed recommendations for appointment as judges of men who had been connected with parties other than the Liberal.

The bill was given second reading.

The House gave approval to a bill to amend the Technical Education Act of 1919, which provided \$10,000,000 for the provinces to assist technical education. At the moment \$147,430 is left of the appropriation for Manitoba, and the bill makes possible the expenditure of this amount.

The bill must be signed before Mar. 31, or the original measure, under which payment is made, will lapse. The other provinces all have used up their appropriations.

In the discussion on the bill, Gordon Graydon said education was under provincial control, but a responsibility in respect to it rested with the Dominion.

### Brilliant Students Should Be Helped

The government should consider national scholarships. They would go a considerable distance in helping brilliant boys and girls obtain the education they deserved.

Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver East, said the government should introduce "a comprehensive scheme" of federal assistance to education.

The movement of workers from one part of Canada to another for war jobs in munitions plants and other activities had repercussions as members discussed Munitions Department estimates in the War Appropriation Bill.

Maxime Raymond, Bloc Populaire leader, complained about a transfer of workers from the closed explosives plant at Nobel, Ont., to war plants in his constituency of Beauharnois-La Prairie. He said it was an injustice to local people, who were being laid off or demoted to lower-paid jobs.

In reply, Lionel Chevrier, Parliamentary assistant to Munitions Minister Howe, said some

1,665 workers had gone from Quebec to war industries in Ontario, chiefly at Sarnia, Kingston, the Niagara district and Kitchener.

Munitions Minister Howe told the House the cost to the government in sending lakehead wood fuel to Winnipeg had been \$67,500, and not \$800,000, as had been suggested Thursday night by J. G. Diefenbaker, P.C., Lake Centre, Sask.

"It was just an exaggeration of 12 or 14 times—not bad," said the minister.

### Funds Total Two Billion

CLEVELAND (AP) Railroads of the U.S. are piling up a tremendous financial backlog, including a "peace chest" totaling more than \$2,000,000,000, reports Dr. Julius H. Parmelee, director of the Bureau of Railway Economics and the Association of American Railroads.

### Japs Will Continue On Hope-Princeton Rd.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Although Japanese working on the Hope-Princeton Highway have been granted permission to take other jobs outside British Columbia's protected area, it is not likely this will materially affect the highway's progress, George

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Verdict of the inquest held at McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel was accidental death.

John Schlemmig and Sam Albrecht, fallers, told Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, Jakab had been working alone about 200 feet from the tree they were felling, when they heard a crash. They shouted Jakab's name and rushed to the scene when he did not answer. There was no sign of life in him when they arrived.

The limb, according to Schlemmig, struck Jakab across the right shoulder and back of the neck. The loggers were unaware the huge branch had been lodged in the tree, apparently when a nearby fir was cut down.

Jury members were Walter E. Beck, foreman; G. H. L. Fairchild, C. W. McIlmoy, H. Matthews, R. M. Phillips and Frank Morris.



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### THE COMING CONFERENCE

ALTHOUGH AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF the date is lacking, the fact that Australia's Prime Minister said his farewells to Parliament yesterday may be taken as an indication that the Dominions' conference in the Empire's metropolises will begin its deliberations in the not distant future. Mr. Curtin took his leave with an assurance from the opposition party that its members will pursue no course during his absence that would either embarrass his government or oblige him to cut short his trip—a commendable recognition of the importance of his mission and a manifestation of good will that is not without its significance to the political leaders who sit on the left of Mr. Speaker in the House of Commons at Ottawa. It would seem highly probable, incidentally, that Mr. King's absence from Canada at the meeting of Prime Ministers will synchronize with the long Easter recess.

No assembly of the governmental chiefs of the states of the Commonwealth in recent times has assumed the far-reaching importance that will mark the forthcoming deliberations. While the war in which all the Dominions are engaged to the limit of their various capacities naturally will take top place on the agenda, the political consequences and implications of the peace—not only as affecting intra-Empire relationships and their future associations with the rest of the United Nations, but also as to the Empire attitude toward the vanquished common enemy—necessarily will demand meticulous examination by the assembled statesmen. And we may be sure that the presence of Field Marshal Prime Minister Smuts will insure a full and frank discussion of the imperial formula in respect of post-war Empire foreign policy which he enunciated before the Empire Parliamentary Association last December, and which Lord Halifax varied in his speech before the Toronto Board of Trade early this year.

While the somewhat similar views to which the South African Premier and the British ambassador to the United States gave voice were ostensibly their own, their dicta not unnaturally created the impression among many leaders of public thought in the member states of the Commonwealth, especially in Britain, that they were in the nature of trial balloons. But there was nothing in the controversy which ensued that an exchange of view around the conference table should not clarify and also reveal common ground on which conflicting opinions may be composed. Compromise in family matters has been one of the major cornerstones of the Commonwealth structure. And none understands the majority Canadian point of view, particularly as it concerns the basic elements of the Smuts-Hallifax formulas, better than Mr. Churchill.

Another reason why special importance and significance attach to the forthcoming conference is the possibility that the visit of the Dominion Prime Ministers may, and we say may advisedly, synchronize with the opening of the most momentous offensive operations in the history of the Commonwealth. While the distinguished political chiefs will be completely impotent in the strict military sense, it may well be—even though the invasion still pends when they finish their deliberations—that they will have information as to prospects that will enable them to take a peep far enough into the future to discuss political programs affecting the countries soon to be liberated. In any event, however, the forthcoming gathering should be productive of much that will strengthen the Britannic family and increase its force for good in the world.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WHEN VICTORIA'S EDUCATIONAL authorities have the opportunity to attend to the physical needs of their school system, they will not, present trends indicate, stop at construction of new schools. They will proceed further in the field of physical education for the young people who will use them.

Of necessity the building program must await the postwar era—when money and material become available and projects are needed to employ demobilized men in that transition period between hostilities and peacetime reorganization. Similarly the physical education expansion will probably await release from the forces of skilled men, already known to the authorities, to lead the new courses.

Increased emphasis on that department of school work will be widely applauded. The authorities have no wish to create a goose-stepping generation top-heavy on the physical side. They do, however, see a need for more intensive courses in athletics. Introduction of a greater element of competition in the field will also be welcomed. Present arrangements give children the opportunity to participate in large numbers in some form of exercise, but limit rather closely the competitive spirit. Many consider development of that spirit one of the chief merits of sport. It creates initiative, fosters team play and is an obvious determinant of character values.

Stimulation of fuller interest in games carries with it more far-reaching benefits than body-building. The boy or girl ex-

pending energy in sport is less likely to have surplus energy for less commendable outlets. Unquestionably the love of sport and participation in it can be a major deterrent to juvenile delinquency. And the school is the place for its development.

### INVASION HINTS

AT TWO POINTS IN THE BRITISH Isles yesterday Mr. Churchill and General Sir Bernard Montgomery dropped hints, guarded though they were, which suggest to the peoples of the United Nations that the invasion of the continent from the west will not be much longer delayed. However, despite the fact that the Prime Minister told United States paratroopers that they "soon will have the opportunity" of landing on the soil of Nazi-occupied Europe, and that the Eighth Army's old chief appealed for "inspired support" for the invasion forces under his command, there should be no disappointment if Mr. Churchill in his message to the world tomorrow does not go beyond a general reference to "an event of great magnitude" for which all the peoples of the anti-Axis coalition patiently but eagerly wait.

It will nevertheless be recalled that it was none other than the Nazi Admiral Luetzow who many months ago warned the German people that two weeks of intensive bombing, day and night, by large fleets of planes might be taken as the prelude to a large-scale invasion by land armies. And he took particular pains to explain that then, and then only, would British and American forces throw everything they had at the continent, regardless of the cost in men and material. Well and good; the aerial offensive has reached a tempo that even a few months ago was merely in the prediction stage. There are now two kinds of people in the Reich—the bombed and the unbombed. A vast homeless and possessionless mass has been created which has nothing more to lose.

If the campaign which has produced this condition continues much longer, it may be difficult for Hitler and Himmler's Gestapo to prevent serious political reactions. Even the Nazi type of ruthlessness may not be effective enough to repress emotional revolt. But it can be taken for granted that the invasion at which Mr. Churchill and General Montgomery have hinted so definitely will begin only when the Allied leaders feel certain it will succeed and "continue to be successful over a large area" in its important initial stages.

### CHINA BOOK WEEK

STARTING TODAY, THIS CITY, WITH other centres over which the American Library Association waves its cultural wand, has begun a celebration of China Book Week. During the ensuing seven days the Public Library will give prominence to various outstanding works from that country. It is a fitting tribute to one of the most valiant of the United Nations, to a country which was fighting aggression in those pre-Munich days when Axis sword-rattling was little more than a topic for academic discussion among the other Allied partners.

During the week, publicity will be given to China's continued attempts to save cultural records and more recent treatises on scientific subjects from the plunder and flames of the attacking Japanese. They are efforts of a people deeply conscious of the value of literature and of the importance of saving what can be preserved from the destruction of a force which takes little heed of such treasures.

An ancient tradition of scholarship and art has long placed China among the cultural leaders of history. In recent years her somewhat staid classicism has been revitalized with a new idea of life, a democratic, forward spirit which has found expression in such new literature as "Village in August." Her philosophies have earned their places and proved their merits in the realms of things abstract. And when the reader seeks his weekly fare among volumes available from that country, he will be offered a wide variety, from the delicate tracery of ideas and things philosophical, to the stark realism of some of the recent volumes of the New China.

From it he will draw a deeper appreciation of the courage, stoicism and resource which have enabled the nation to survive the ruthless thrusts of an enemy that has made war a popular science. If it does nothing more than broaden the concept of those things for which China stands, for which she fights—and sometimes fights with little more than bare hands—the week will have achieved a valuable purpose.

### 'LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE'

YESTERDAY'S ISSUE OF THE TIMES gave prominence to the story of the Jubilee Hospital's "Little Miss Sunshine," a three-year-old child saved from the fatal effects of drinking lye by the care given her by Victoria doctors and the institution itself. That the little girl will live and develop as naturally as her playmates, despite her terrible accident, is a tribute in itself to medicine, surgery and institutional care. It serves to emphasize the important part played by the hospital.

With "Little Miss Sunshine" as an example of the work that can be done and is being done by the hospital, frequently without material recompense, its directors may feel fully justified in their appeal to the citizens of Greater Victoria for financial assistance. At present they are campaigning for \$50,000 from private sources to assist in constructing a \$200,000 maternity pavilion. That addition is urgently needed to relieve chronically overcrowded conditions in the hospital itself. Those who appreciate the work done for Bertha, and for others like her, may show tangible evidence of their support by making donations to the pavilion building fund now.

## Bruce Hutchinson

### HOME NEWS

THIS REPORTER is gradually sinking back into the warm, soft earth of Vancouver Island, but he feels almost a stranger here and learns of local occurrences as if they were striking news.

The blossom of the trees at this season, to anyone who has been away, is a staggering spectacle. I have not been here to see it at this season for several years and I find that it has increased in quantity at an amazing rate.

When I was a boy in this town you could count the flowering trees on your hand. Even when I was a young man they were a rarity and one would walk home by Rockland Avenue for a glimpse of a Japanese plum and the odd forsythia. Apparently in the last 20 years we have discovered that the Japanese trees grow as well here as in their homeland (one useful Japanese export) or perhaps better.

In this matter our municipal governments have shown rare wisdom, for I perceive that on most new streets and many old ones little trees are now planted which, in a few years, will send a billow of blossom flowing throughout the city. Within a generation Victoria will be more famous for its Japanese bloom than for its broom, its natural oaks or its sea serpent. This obviously is going to present the greatest concentration of spring tree bloom of any city in the world and I would like to live long enough to see it.

And when I remember what the gardens of Victoria were like when I was young—an odd holly tree, a few poppies and a mat of dismal ivy—and when I see how every householder is now almost an expert gardener, with a great collection of plants and shrubs, I am almost persuaded of the upward trend of civilization.

### EGGS

ANOTHER PIECE of local news which I found striking was that someone has been throwing eggs by the thousand at passers-by on the Malahat Highway. This information is certain to stir the deepest and worst instincts in all men. For there is no sane man who hasn't yearned to have enough eggs, leisure and courage to plaster the passing public in the streets. It is everyone's cherished secret ambition but few have achieved it.

Actually it is not as low an instinct as you imagine. It is, on the contrary, a striving after equality and democracy among men, a revolt against pretence and vanity. No one wants to throw eggs at poor or unfortunate folk. We want to throw them only at top-hats and stuffed shirts, which need the decoration of a yolk now and then to put them in their place. Indeed, most British humor from the earliest times was devoted to knocking the hats off snobs and there is much to be said for it. The humorist must achieve it with words. But eggs are much easier to handle and so much more effective if you can afford them and your throwing arm is accurate. In a world where democracy must continually assert itself, where the enemies of democracy must be smacked down, it is every man's duty to keep chickens.

### DISGRACE

ANOTHER PIECE OF local information picked up from the medical profession is that we have no proper facilities in Victoria for dealing with insanity. In most of the cities of America which consider themselves civilized there are psychiatric wards where those suspected of being insane are taken for examination and for treatment if their cases are not serious. Here if any unfortunate person is regarded as mentally sick he is thrown into jail like a common criminal, as if he had committed some horrible offence. He is regarded not as a patient but as an enemy of society. In this way people of fine character and excellent record, who are afflicted with mental illness have been thrown into the jug with the drunks and dope fiends until they could be sent to an asylum. The doctors of Victoria consider it a scandal but are powerless to do anything about it. Only the public can remove this shame.

### LET THEM HAVE IT

ANOTHER PIECE of news concerning us rather intimately. A student in Winnipeg has just unearthed Professor Arnold Toynbee's famous world history to reveal some pretty serious reflections on our climate. The professor, who is the greatest historian in England, argues at great length to prove that the best civilizations develop in hard times which challenge man's existence. Where there is no such challenge, where man can survive without serious striving, then no great civilization develops. That is why you don't find great civilizations in the tropics under a banana tree.

But this theory, the professor admits, can go too far. If the climate is too desperate it finally extinguishes civilization altogether, which cannot survive against it. Hence the collapse of the Scandinavian civilization in Greenland and hence, says the professor, the low civilization of the Maritime provinces of Canada—a statement which is certain to cause a fierce resentment in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and especially among those Maritimers who have come here, fleeing from their own country.

What of this coast? Here in Victoria we have a soft and easy climate. There is no challenge in it at all. It is as tame as a trained kitten. It does precisely what you ask of it at all times, rains enough, shines enough and makes everything grow. How can a great civilization develop in such an environment? We are evidently doomed to a low-grade culture and probably, in the course of time, will be a race of beach-combers. Vancouver will be the centre of our civilization because its climate would challenge the most hardy of us. Let it be.

## From Inside Fortress Britain

This is one of a series of articles on the brilliant island fortress of Britain, written for the Victoria Times and Winnipeg Free Press by G. V. FERGUSON, who has just returned from an overseas tour.

### By G. V. FERGUSON

It has been usual to think of British agriculture as languishing. Nobody would say that today. Of all the colossal achievements of Britain's home front, that of the farmers has been perhaps the most outstanding. This sometimes causes Canadian farmers apprehension. What, they say, is going to happen to our markets after the war is over. I am no expert. These fears may have some foundation in fact. But they need not have, if other things go well.

But let's talk war first and not postwar. When the blitz war of 1940 overwhelmed western Europe, Mr. Hudson, newly appointed minister of agriculture in the Churchill government, was told his job was to double home farm production. He looked over the record of the last war, saw that over-all farm production in spite of every effort had been increased by only six per cent. Then he went to work. Today British farm production is 120 per cent above the pre-war levels.

How was this achieved? It was done mainly by great shifting of production, above all in an increase in ploughed land. Historic pasture was torn up by tractors. Say the officials, "It was tractors did the job." For they had been little used before the war. The leisurely raising of flocks and herds was greatly cut down. Cereals were grown which both reduced the tonnage needed for carrying wheat, but also cut down the vast tonnage needed to import feed grains.

### PHENOMENAL RETURNS

The old pastures yielded phenomenal returns. When we said the wheat was not quality wheat like Canadian, we got the reply, "You can make bread out of it."

## Letters to the Editor

### BROKEN GLASS

There is not much space for letter publishing these days, but the subject of this one bears upon the ever-present topic of good citizenship in "high" and "low" places.

If the person who drops a bottle on the street, splintering glass all over the place, were penalized for not clearing it up this menace to bicycle and car tires would be prevented. Could milk companies, for instance, not furnish their delivery trucks with dustpan and brush?

It might not be wide of the mark to assert that the despoiling of safety of thoroughfares would cease to exist if childhood education began with such teaching that would tend to prevent in later life acts being committed against the public well-being. As it is, we must be in sore need of "adult education" along a line which freshens the memory on the Golden Rule.

Falling the punishment or re-education of the offender who breaks a bottle on the street and lets it remain there, we might ask that all householders or occupants of premises in front of whose place the glass is strewn should take it as a duty to clean it up as soon as noticed. Often it is done, but for some reason this is not, which means, in this day of rubber scarcity, the slashing and nicking of many tires, aside from the careless and unsightly picture presented.

GRACE MONEY BELL,  
 Lyon House, 742 St. Patrick St.

### RESERVE OFFICERS

Press reports this last week end speak of over 500 officers within the Pacific Command being reverted to Reserve status, which is in effect discharge from the army. These gentlemen will now have had from three to four years of military life under what are here in B.C. little more than peacetime conditions, receiving pay greatly in excess of anything they could earn in civilian life, and few of whom have ever heard rifle fire in a war zone, and yet they will now be taking positions which should be filled by returned men. Will this be permitted?

If the Pacific Command is retiring 500, what must be the total for the whole of Canada? Most of these men have had no service other than on the home front, and yet, unless we do something about it, our sons, husbands and brothers in the ranks overseas will come back to find themselves in competition with what army regulations describe as "temporary gentlemen," holding temporary commissions, but who no doubt will cling to their rank, and our otherwise normal Canadian life will be flooded with captains and majors, with a superior caste psychology. Surely we must do something to ensure that these temporary ranks are canceled "and all soldiers re-entering civil life meet on common ground."

(Mrs.) MARY WHINCUP,  
 Royal Oak, March 21.

for do not forget that Britain is down to bedrock. They want sheer nutriment, not quality, if quality reduces yield.

The department of agriculture divided England up into county administrative districts, each one with a committee, Whitehall sent out quotas; the districts filled them, and if farmers proved recalcitrant as, in rare cases they did, something drastic was done about it. The farmer did as he was told. Hence the rising groans from landowners who feel their historic rotations have been destroyed. They are coldly told that England is in crisis.

### WILL SHE CONTINUE?

As to the future, Britain knows that, in crisis, she can grow 70 per cent of her basic food requirements. Will she continue to do so? Not likely, for every one knows that only war conditions can justify what is now being done. But there is no doubt that Britain is going to make more use of her land in the future than in the past. So far as Canada is concerned, this is important, but the hope of everyone is—and this includes the agrarian interests of Britain—that home and foreign agricultural production can be made not competitive but complementary.

### PROTECTIVE FOODS

Britain is only now finding out about protective foods, about the great value of lots of fresh milk and fruit. To these ends much British agriculture will turn when the war is done, and a vast and new and lucrative market opens for the British farmer which he never had before. This means that the nation will still want to buy, in large quantities, the kind of produce we in Canada produce best.

But here again you get a steady look from the officials. Are you ready, we were repeatedly asked, to buy our products in quantities sufficient to allow us to buy yours? Here is the old problem in the old nutshell. The future depends upon the growth—the vast growth—of international trade. If that is achieved we here will not have to worry about outlets for western goods. If it is not, watch out for squalls.

### THE QUOTA SYSTEM

From The Times, London  
 Tariffs are a negative, indirect, and from the standpoint of social requirements, unreliable way of regulating imports. When the British government in 1932 decided to limit imports of foodstuffs, it adopted the alternative method of the fixed quota, which made it easy to control imports without raising prices to the consumer. The application of the quota system at that time exclusively to commodities of which Britain was an importer placed her in a weak bargaining position and reacted unfavorably on her terms of trade. The fact that the only international quota agreement hitherto concluded is the Wheat Agreement of July, 1942, suggests that this danger is not yet past. But the quota system applied to commodities the consumption of which is relatively stable has the advantage of informing producers in advance, both at home and abroad, of the approximate quantities for which a market would be available; and it seems unlikely that either Great Britain or other countries will desire to dispense with it entirely in the transition period after the war.

### THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Mar. 25, 1940 — French Premier Reynaud met Italian ambassador for first private conference with Mussolini's envoy. Premier Teley of Hungary conferred with Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano. French ambassador left Italy for home to report on Italy's position.

Mar. 26, 1940—Liberal government returned to power by sweeping majority in Canadian general election. Hungary and Italy agreed to keep war from the Balkans.

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(Dr. H. Bigelow, Harvard, Professor of Surgery)

3. **ETHICS:** We ought not to do evil in the hope that good may come to ourselves. No good has been derived from vivisection that could not equally well have been derived without it. "There are the high priests of science who fondly hope to benefit humanity by doing violence to the virtue that it has taken centuries of Christianity to create. With them . . . the greed of knowledge has obliterated mercy and pity. While you have men who will devote their lives to tortures in laboratories, you will have men who will devote their lives to the hatred and destruction of their fellow men."

(From the Father Mathew Record, R.C. Magazine, Ireland, 1943)

4. **VIEWS:** "Every day we read of crimes for which vivisection is responsible."

(Millicent Morden, M.D.)

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## Air Cadets Seek \$250,000

Generous public support of the campaign to raise a fund of \$250,000 for the Air Cadet League of Canada is anticipated by President Arthur L. Melling of Montreal, Monday is the opening date for the coast-to-coast drive. Since the first squadron was organized in 1941 the air cadet movement has grown to large proportions, with still further development in prospect.

"At our annual meeting last month, Air Minister Power urged the league to carry on its work and not diminish our activities in the slightest," said Mr. Melling in referring to the new program of national objectives announced at the meeting. "These are in line with the wishes of the Air Minister and our belief in the value of air training for the youth of Canada, combining the four factors of war effort, expansion, education and morale."

Funds contributed in the campaign, said Mr. Melling, will be used to further the national, provincial and local development program, to continue with squadron organization and maintenance work, and to further promote public interest in aviation and air training for youth. Canadian boys have a natural instinct for flying and Canada now has an opportunity to establish her position as a dominating factor in the new air age of the future.

Provincial chairmen and other officials of the Air Cadet League throughout Canada are supervising organization of local committees in their territory to promote public interest and obtain contributions for the fund.

### VICTORIA AIDING

Greater Victoria, with six organized Air Cadet Squadrons, will aid the appeal. Maj. R. H. B. Ker, who is on the executive of the Air Cadet League of Canada, said today. It is hoped to raise \$50,000 of the sum by voluntary subscription in British Columbia.

Maj. Ker said there are now 25,000 air cadets in 370 cadet squadrons throughout Canada. Those at Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt High Schools, as well as in Pat Bay (independent) Squadron, are doing well. The Air Cadet League of Canada defrays the cost of uniforms and much other incidental expense, while training has been made a definite part of the program in the senior schools.

The sum of \$1,000 will insure air cadet training for 200 boys during the next five years; \$500, that of 100 boys; \$100, 20 boys, and \$50, 10 boys. Contributions should be made payable by cheque to the Air Cadet League of Canada, and may be sent in care of Maj. R. H. B. Ker, 1121 Government Street.

## Major Holmes Urges Refashioning Houses

Refashioning of some of Victoria's fine old homes, erection of a prefabricated home within the city, and disposition of houses built by Wartime Housing, provided topics for discussion at a lengthy luncheon meeting of the Victoria Real Estate Board, held in David Spencer's, Friday.

"While we are talking of prefabricated houses, I would like to speak of refashioned houses," Maj. Cuthbert Holmes told the meeting. "There are many fine old homes in Victoria with capital timber in them. These homes could be refashioned, for that type of work has become a big business in the United States."

"Excellent jobs can and have been done on homes in this city," he said, as he gave locations of several homes which have been refashioned, and mentioned others that could be. One refashioned home here was bought by an American woman. In the States old cottages, even stables, have been refashioned into homes, and one of the most beautiful homes in England was made from a barn."

Lt. Col. Brooke Stephenson opened the discussion on prefabricated buildings, and stated that while he was in no way sponsoring them, he felt they should be given consideration. He advocated the erection of one as a sample, and P. A. Fitzsimons moved that the firm which has constructed prefabricated buildings in other parts of Canada, be approached to build one here. He suggested also that the City of Victoria be asked to donate the lot, and that the house could later be raffled off in aid of the Solarium.

"You can't beat progress," commented R. H. Shanks, chairman of the board, when it was mentioned that there might be certain groups which would oppose the erection of such buildings. Col. Stephenson said that any municipality which would agree to Wartime Houses within its boundaries, should have no complaint regarding prefabricated buildings.

When the question of the disposal of Wartime Houses arose, Mr. Shanks told the meeting he felt that if a tenant who had rented such a house for perhaps

20 months desired to buy it, he would be allowed to do so. Belief that Wartime Houses would not be torn down five years after their erection, was voiced by Mr. Shanks in answer to another question.

Discussion of leases arose, and Maj. Holmes said that a considerable number of tenants had been given notice to vacate by May 1 in the city of Montreal. Hubert Lethaby, secretary, outlined efforts which were made by the Victoria board to join the Canadian Association of Real Estate Boards, and stated that the cost was prohibitive.

## Saanich School Notes

Architect's sketches of the proposed Tillicum School auditorium to provide temporary classroom space have been examined by the school board. Plans of renovations for Lake Hill School have been approved. Attention is now being focussed on plans for a modern eight-room school and industrial arts workshop. L. B. Matthews addressed members of the Tolmie and Cedar Hill P.T.A. on the need for a new industrial arts workshop, Tuesday, and exhibited samples of metalwork and woodwork being made by boys in Grades 7 to 11.

Under chairmanship of J. Gough, municipal inspector, group meetings of teachers were held this week at Tolmie and Cedar Hill schools to discuss with Miss Baldwin, provincial nutritionist, how the schools might stimulate interest of children and parents in use of the nutrition bulletins to be issued in Greater Victoria during April.

Primary teachers conferred with Miss M. James, who is in charge of primary education in Victoria schools, Tuesday, at Tolmie School. Pupils, staff and parents of Royal Oak School will hold a sale of work and tea in the Women's Institute Hall, Royal Oak.

## Club Luncheons

Dr. W. A. F. Hepburn, British government education adviser, will address the Rotary Club Thursday on "Why All This Talk About Education."

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Ontario premier and former Canadian high commissioner in London, will discuss "The Future of the West" at the Canadian Club luncheon Monday.

Gyro Club Monday will hear J. Hartley Fowler, world service secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

Members of the Kiwanis Club who were born in Prince Edward Island, will have charge of a program entitled "Prince Edward Island Round-up" at the club luncheon Tuesday. They are Lal LeLacheur, Bill Macdonald, Ralph Matthews and Dr. S. J. Willis.

John F. Bledsoe, who has collected stones from many parts of the world, will address the Lions Club Thursday on "Polishing Pretty Pebbles."

"International Politics" is the topic of an address which Maj. John P. Simon will give to the Kinsmen Club Thursday night. Victoria Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a business meeting at 8 Monday, in clubrooms.

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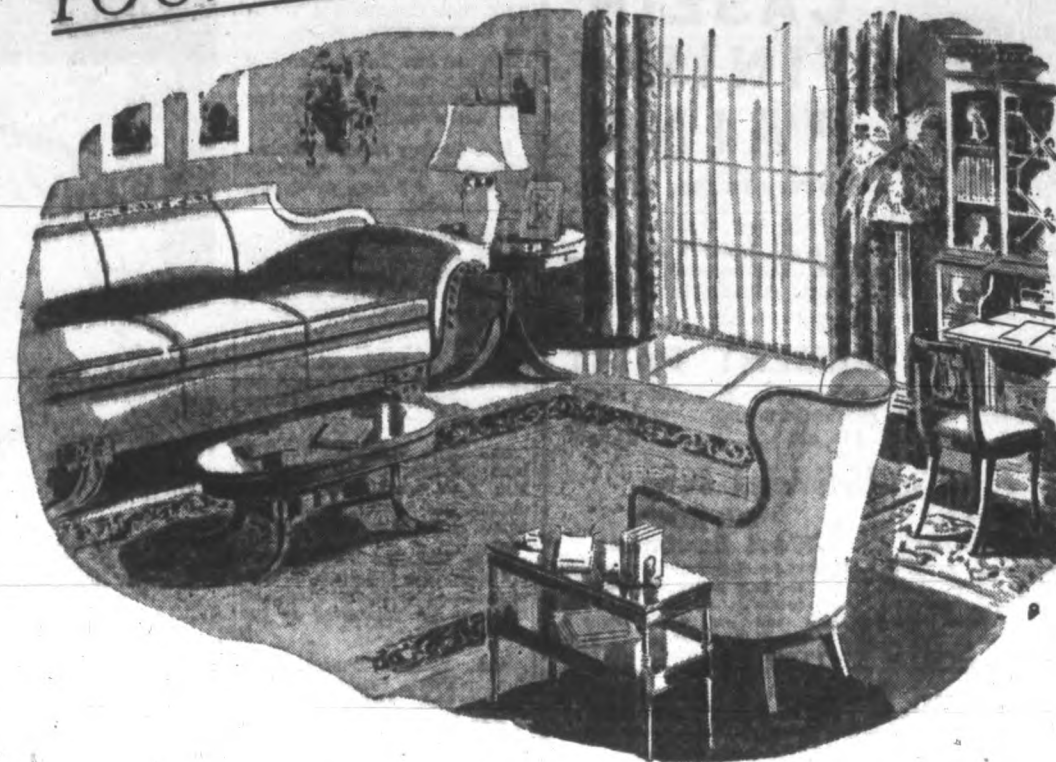
POWELL RIVER, B.C. (CP)—Pacific Mills Ltd. have been awarded a contract for the erection of a new bleach plant building at Ocean Falls. The building will cost approximately \$40,000.

## Russia Honors Marshall

LONDON (CP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, has been awarded the Order of Suvorov, first class, the Moscow radio announced Friday night.

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## Drivers Sign New Agreement

Hugh A. Allison, president of the Vancouver Island Drivers Div. 234 of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and other Transport Workers, today reported the signing of a union agreement with Evans, Coleman and Johnson Bros.

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what lengthy, at no time was there any evidence of animosity shown by either party, and the continuance of amicable relationships is assured.

The agreement calls for union recognition, provides procedure for adjusting differences and embodies a check-off clause.

As the wages currently being paid by the company are the highest in the industry no general wage increase was asked, but an additional one week's annual vacation with pay has been granted.

## RAINBOW SEA CADETS

The entire ship's company will parade at headquarters Tuesday at 1920, duty hands at 1900.

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## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Henselman and their son of Chicago, are visitors in Victoria.

Mrs. Charles De Macedo of Victoria is a guest at Sylvia Court Hotel, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bruce Jackson of Simcoe, Ontario, are spending several weeks guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. W. C. Chisholm and Mrs. F. M. Piper have come to Victoria from Oakville and are at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris of Winnipeg, will return to their home on Sunday after spending two weeks visiting in Victoria.

Mrs. Godfrey Isaacs of Oyama, who spent the winter months in Vancouver, will come to Victoria this week-end.

Edmonton visitors registered at the Empress Hotel are Mrs. G. F. Watcher, Mrs. A. E. Moore, Mrs. A. Archibald, Mrs. E. Barnhouse and Mrs. W. A. Scanlon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Byers and Dr. and Mrs. Leeson and Miss Leeson, all of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. M. A. Ferguson, who has been living with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. MacLennan, in Vancouver, has arrived to spend a month at the Empress Hotel.

Sqdn. Ldr. and Mrs. Howard Cotterell, who have been in Victoria since coming from the east, are now in Vancouver at the Ritz Hotel.

Mrs. Clifford Donnelly, the former Sylvia Gould, was honored Friday evening when the James Bay Guide Company of which she is captain presented her with a pair of crystal candleholders and a set of teaplates and server. Guide Catherine Court made the presentation, which was accompanied with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations and heather.

Two hundred guests attended a dance given in the Goble Ballroom by the Oak Bay Civil Defence. Among those present were: W. L. Woodhouse, chairman of Oak Bay Civil Defence; A. S. G. Musgrave, controller, and O. A. Butters, O.B.E., chief warden. Mr. Musgrave welcomed the guests and P. W. Gilson was chairman of the dance committee.

Miss Ethel Rogers, March bride-elect, was guest of honor Thursday evening when Mrs. D. McPherson and Mrs. A. Fitch held a miscellaneous shower at the home of the bride, 1290 Vista Heights. Games were played, the winners being Mrs. R. Cruickshanks, Mrs. A. Sprague and Miss Helen Pollock. Others present were: Mesdames D. Aaronson, W. Cross, Cunningham, W. Knowles, P. Harvey, B. Beer, W. More, E. Pollock, L. Whitehead, D. Hazlette, A. Sedgley, C. Middleton, W. Rogers and the Misses Joyce McQuade, Sylvia Petch, Claire Pollock and Ruth Rogers.

Mrs. Beverley C. Gilson and Mrs. J. Ingram Smith were joint hostesses at a luncheon party held at the home of the latter, 1271 Kings Road, in honor of Miss Evelyn Slater, an April bride-to-be. The guest of honor was presented with a luncheon cloth. Others present were Mesdames M. McCabe, J. Jones, A. Cann, H. McCaw, J. Kirby, G. Stoney, and Miss Margaret Matthews.

Miss Mary Walls, whose marriage will take place this month, was honored when Mrs. Ed McKim entertained at her home on Cranmore Road with a miscellaneous shower. Those present included Mesdames B. Walls, F. Rawnsley, W. J. Twitchell, B. R. Marr, H. Kayll, G. Stock, E. Cridge, and the Misses Betty Francis, Doris Rawnsley, Ella and Betty Marr, Dorothy Tempest, Pam McConnan, Doreen Copas, Audrey and Betty Kayll, Ruth Walker, Audrey Cridge and Bonnie Rawlinson.

Miss Eleanor Hounston, whose marriage will take place this month, was guest of honor at a handkerchief shower given by Mrs. H. B. Leavitt, King George Terrace. Master Donny Leavitt presented the corsage bouquet and handed the gifts to the bride-elect. Games were enjoyed and prizes won by Miss E. Watkiss and Mrs. N. H. Grant. Other guests were Mesdames A. Hounston, R. Crawford, E. Crisfield, E. Hickman, A. Seyler, H. Watt, and the Misses M. Lewis, I. Lindley, A. Hounston, E. Mitchell, M. Muth, M. Nutall, G. Shubbrook, P. Smuri, J. Spong and D. Tams.

A cheque for \$100 was sent to the Channel Islands Refugee Fund in London, it was announced at a meeting of the W.A. to the Channel Islands Society. Mrs. D. J. Magford presiding. A large box of clothing was packed for shipment to Great Britain and a letter was read from Mrs. M. Richards at Channel Islands headquarters in London, testifying as to the excellent quality of the clothing sent from Canada and the U.S.A.

## To Reside in Victoria



Mrs. J. Barclay and her baby daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who with L.L. Barclay have arrived in Victoria, and are guests at the Empress Hotel prior to taking up residence at 1367 Hampshire Road. Mrs. Barclay is the former Miss Elizabeth Martin, granddaughter of the late Mrs. John Galt.

## Mrs. S. C. Tweed Speaks Of Plans for Postwar

The government of Canada has plans for the swiftest changeover from war to peace and it has plans, some of which are already in operation, for carrying on post-war industry and trade, Mrs. S. C. Tweed, life member of the National Council of Women, told a gathering of more than 200 Liberal women at a tea Friday afternoon in the Lower Lounge of the Empress Hotel.

"It is not possible that men who have governed the country during the present war, in which Canada has such a fine record, could be so stupid as to have no plans for after the war," Mrs. Tweed told her audience, as she answered those who would criticize the government for lack of planning.

She outlined the work of the Crown Allocations Committee, which has the job of tabulating every item in the country that has been used for a war purpose, and which will be discarded after the war. Everything from immense buildings to bedding in servicemen's hostels is being tabulated, she said, and asked her audience to think what would happen if the government had not made plans, and quantities of such used goods were allowed to be dumped on the market.

**SCORES COLDWELL**  
Turning to the employment picture, she scored M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F., for a statement she said he made to the effect that by April 1, 100,000 people would be out of work in Canada. Mrs. Tweed checked up the matter herself and said the government body connected with the matter knew that 12,700 people would be laid off by April 1 and had plans under way well ahead of

## In India With Red Cross



Miss Mary Hobson, American Red Cross assistant program director, whose arrival in India has been announced. Miss Hobson is the daughter of Mrs. M. B. Hobson, Albany, N.Y., and attended Strathcona Lodge School for Girls, Shawinigan Lake, from 1929 to 1933. She is a close friend of Cpl. Kitty Lake, C.W.A.C., daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Victoria, whom she has visited several times after leaving Shawinigan Lake. Miss Hobson is also a graduate of Mills College, Oakland, A.B., 1937; and attended Benning College and Cornell University. Until her Red Cross appointment, Miss Hobson taught drama and physical education at the Bishop's School, La Jolla, Calif.

## Red Cross Notes

**Parade Monday**—All ranks, except those under special orders, of No. 1 Detachment, Canadian Red Cross Corps, will parade at Christ Church Memorial Hall, Monday, at 7.45. Orderly officer for week ending April 1, Sec. Ldr. Darling; next for duty, Q/M. Lowe. Orderly corporal for the week LC. Burrows; next for duty, Cpl. Roche.

**Change Meeting**—Emergency Reserve of No. 1 Detachment, Canadian Red Cross Corps, will meet at 7.30 Tuesday, room 214, Pemberton Building.

**First Unit Y.P.U.**—At the Fireside Hour to be held Sunday, following the evening service, J. H. Fowler, World's Work Secretary for the Y.M.C.A., will present slides on his travels. A swimming party has been planned for Tuesday. Members will meet at the Crystal Garden at 7.30.

**P.T.A. NEWS**  
**McKenzie Avenue**—A 500 card party will be held in the Marigold Hall, Monday, at 8.

## Engagements

Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at The Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.50 for 10 lines, and 15c for each additional line.

Commissioned Shipwright B. F. Day and Mrs. B. F. Day, 3451 Cook Street, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Gertrude Emily, to Sgt. Samuel George Humphreys, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Humphreys of Winnipeg, Man. The wedding will take place April 17, at 8 p.m., at St. John's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLaren, 47 Menzies Street, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Elizabeth (Betty) McLaren, to Leading Seaman W. J. Hood, R.C.N., eldest son of Mrs. D. Hood, 106 St. Andrews Street, and Mr. A. W. Hood of Edmonton, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell, Beaver Lake, announce the engagement of their twin daughter, Gladys Catherine, to L.V.A. Thomas H. Wilson, R.C.N.V.R., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson, Edmonton, Alta. The wedding will take place April 8.

## Weddings

### KNOKE-JAMIESON

The wedding took place in St. Martin's-in-the-Field Church Friday evening of Sadie Forbes, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jamieson, 450 Walter Avenue, and Walter B. Knoke, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Knoke, Prince Albert, Sask. Rev. K. L. Sandercock officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white satin with a sweetheart neckline and fingertip length net veil. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and narcissi. Mrs. W. Rose was her sister's only attendant, frocked in ice blue chiffon and carrying a bouquet of spring flowers. Harold Mullis was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Mr. Mullis proposed the toast to the bride.

When Mr. and Mrs. Knoke left on their wedding trip, the bride was wearing a beige ensemble with pale blue and black accessories. On their return they will make their home in Victoria.

## Club Calendar

I.O.D.E. major project committee, Monday, 7.30

W.A. to Children's Aid Society, Y.W.C.A., Monday, 2.30

St. Paul's W.A., Tuesday, 2.45, Scout Hall, Esquimalt.

St. Mark's W.A., Tuesday, 2.30, Parish Hall.

W.A. to the R.C.A.S.C., Monday, 8, Y.W.C.A.

B.C. Toy Club, April 5, 10. All finished articles for the circus will be received.

Victoria C.C.F. Women's Council, Tuesday, 2.30, 857 Pandora Avenue.

Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, Monday, Y.W.C.A. Choral practice, 7.15.

Court Maple Leaf, No. 9202, A.O.F., Monday, 7.30. Bingo will be played.

Second Mile Club, First Baptist Church, Tuesday, 8, home of Mrs. C. W. Dowdworth, 742 Lamson Street. Mystery sale.

United Church W.M.S. Presbyterial executive, Monday evening, Oriental Home. Branch reports will be read.

Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., executive, Monday, 10.30. Off.

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## THE STORK SHOP

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ers of Municipal Chapter, regents of primary chapters. Election of conveners of standing committees.

Christ Church Cathedral W.A., senior afternoon branch, Memorial Hall, Monday, 2.30. Miss D. Illingworth, provincial guide commissioner, and Miss M. Hannah, head of guide training for B.C., will speak.

## Movies to Depict Pro Rec Activities

Pro Rec winter activities will close at the end of March with the showing of moving pictures at the various centres. Included on the program will be pictures of different Pro Rec activities, the mass Vancouver displays in technicolor, colored films of Youth Hostelling on Vancouver Island and the Okanagan Valley and a special film in color of Miss Betty Lynd Thompson of the Oregon State College showing "Modern Dance Movements."

These films will be shown at the Oak Bay Hall Monday at 8; at McMorran's Tuesday and St. Martin's-in-the-Field Wednesday. A new spring series of Pro Rec activities, including tumbling, keep-fit exercises, tap and social recreational dancing, will be started the first week in April. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at the Crystal Garden from 7.30 to 9.30. New swimming classes will be held Wednesday afternoons at the Crystal pool at 3.45. Further particulars may be learned from Miss F. Borde, E 2365.

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## Christian Science War Relief Rooms Are Enlarged

Many people thronged the rooms at 1112 Government St. of the Victoria Branch of B.C. Christian Science War Relief Friday to inspect the enlarged premises so long needed for the volume of work the branch is doing.

Last year over 1,526 garments were sent to England; 197 pounds of virgin wool was used in the making of quilts (this does not include "teased" wool made from donated garment unfit for remake or shipment as "seconds"); 206 yards of flannelette and 90 yards of cotton. None of these figures include donations.

Hundreds of toys were made and sent to England as the Victoria branch contributes to five nursery schools and completely supplies all necessities for two others. Clothing, new and reconditioned, shoes, socks, mitts, coats, hats, quilts, scrap books of brilliant color for the children and milk bottle tops made into alphabet or number circles are all a part of the work done by these women.

### QUILT A WEEK

At present the branch makes a quilt a week which takes three and a half pounds of virgin wool, or teased wool. Incidentally, it takes seven pounds of "used" wool materials to make three and a half pounds of teased.

In the new location the War Relief is housed in five spacious rooms. There is an office where records are kept and adjacent to it the sewing-room where packing, sorting, mending and sewing takes place. Old garments are made over, scraps are made into dusters and even old towels become neat face cloths, the last two named being almost unobtainable in Great Britain.

Work is done in groups, often much of it being done in homes, with the workroom being carried on by other members.

Hundreds of toys have been made and these, too, are all created from "teased" wool used for stuffing with materials used being scraps left over from coats, dresses or pants.

### CLOTHING SHORTAGE

There is a tremendous shortage of clothing in Great Britain for boys from 12 to 16, so with this in mind, the committee purchased shirts, trousers, socks and a warm windbreaker each for a number of boys with money recently realized through war relief activities.

Each toy and garment sent from the Victoria branch bears a cloth label sewn on with the inscription: "British Columbia Christian Science War Relief Committee. . . Love from Canada."

Not forgetting the "bundles of joy," layettes are made and sewn into their shipping wrappers which contain two dozen nappies, bath towels, generous gift for mother, three vests, three nighties, face cloth, sweaters and bonnets, mitts, tooth brush, soap, baby powder, cream, a toy and a cuddly flannelette blanket.

Bearing in mind that before the war there were 27,000 textile factories producing in Great Britain, of which only 10 per cent are in operation now with only a portion of this produce going to civilian consumption, there is a great need for war relief production to be stepped up, and the Victoria branch of B.C. Christian Science War Relief under the convener of Mrs. Daisy Thirwell, with Mrs. V. Anderson in charge of sewing groups and Mrs. H. W. Smith convening toy creations, hopes to better last year's production in all departments.

## Dorothy Dix

### MARRIED FOR MONEY

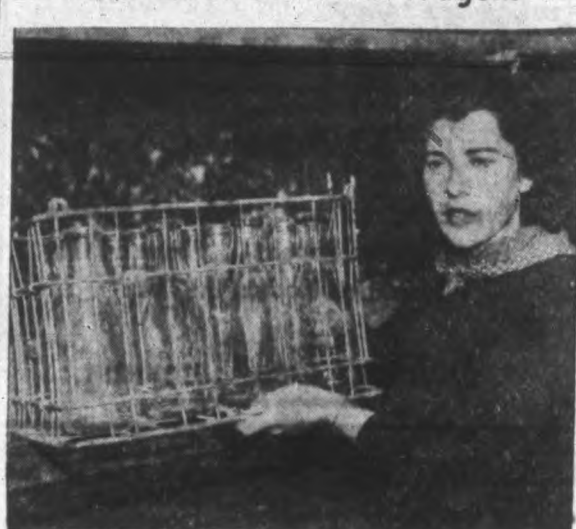
Dear Dorothy Dix—Before my marriage I let my husband know that I expected to inherit a fortune. When we were first married he tried to act as though he cared for me, but I knew deep down in my heart that he didn't. He would give me money to run the house on and then get it back by lying to me and giving it to a married woman with whom he was having an affair. Then he gave up all pretense of showing any affection for me.

Now it is nearly time for me to receive the money and he has begun to renew his attention to me and to pretend that he is crazy about me. What do you think? Does he love me? Or is he making a play to get the money?

### DISGUSTED.

Answer—You have had ample proof that he married you for your money, so you will be very foolish if you permit yourself to be deceived again. If you want to keep your husband, you will have to keep your money. So my advice to you is to hang on to your pocketbook with both hands and to have your estate settled on you in such a manner that he cannot wheedle it out of you.

## Victoria's 'Debs' Drive Milk Wagons



"Early to bed, early to rise," is no idle slogan for the many young women who are replacing men in delivering Victoria's morning milk. Above, Miss Betty Russell, 1461 Hampshire Road, unloads a case of "empties" at the end of a day's work, which starts at 7 and ends at approximately 12.30. Miss Russell has been driving a milk truck for four months.



Miss Wahda Ross, 650 Beach Drive, shown at the wheel of her truck, has been a "milkmaid" for over a year, and is pleased with this job that gives her a greater part of the day free.

## Milk Fund of I.O.D.E. To Benefit by Play

A London millinery and dress-making establishment tucked away in a side street off Piccadilly will provide the background for the play "Nine Till Six," which will be presented by the Victoria Little Theatre group under the auspices of the Dr. O. M. Jones chapter I.O.D.E. next Tuesday and Wednesday in the Shrine Auditorium.

The cast, which includes 16 girls and no men, is under the direction of Aubrey St. Denis Johnson. The girls, who are all in their twenties, portray the mannequins of the establishment. Norah Garcia portrays the proprietress of the establishment, who is a strong character although somewhat saddened by the loss of her only son.

All proceeds from this play will go towards the milk fund of the chapter, who supply from 100 to 200 half pints of milk each day to the undernourished children of the schools. This good work has been carried out for the past 25 years by this organization and even with the many calls people have these days to help war services and buy Victory Bonds this organization has maintained the fund and contributions.

Mrs. Fred Spencer is the general convener and during the performances the girls of the Victoria Drill Team will lend their services as ushers. Tickets may be obtained from the Marionette Library, Fletcher Bros., and any member of the chapter.

### Annual Guide Meeting

Annual meeting of the Canadian Girl Guide, South Vancouver Island Division, will be held Monday at 8 in the Y.W.C.A. Bishop H. E. Sexton and Miss D. Illingworth, provincial commissioner of B.C. Girl Guides, will be the speakers.

## Postmen Review Improvement Since \$30-a-Month Days

Outlining the fight for better economic conditions for postmen, Fred C. Hurry, district vice-president of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, put hope for a brighter future in the hearts of members of Branch No. 11 of the association at an annual meeting held at Terry's Friday night.

Mr. Hurry, who is also secretary of the branch, spoke of the organization of the association in Toronto in 1891 at a time when a postman started at a salary of \$30 a month, receiving an annual increase of \$60 until he had reached the maximum amount of \$600 a year. In those days, said Mr. Hurry, there were no holidays for postmen, no sick leaves, in fact, none of the privileges they have today.

At present, he continued, the branch has placed a resolution before the Trades and Labor Council, with which the association is affiliated, asking that all permanent jobs in the Victoria Postoffice be filled by men eligible to become permanent, and all temporary jobs be filled by those next in eligibility. The council, Mr. Hurry said, had forwarded the resolution to the Postal Department, the Civil Service Commission and R. W. Mayhew, M.P. Favorable answers had been received, he said.

In a recent discussion with the government, Mr. Hurry said, the Trades and Labor Council of Canada had asked for postmen the transfer of those on the retirement to the superannuation fund; the abolition of staff control legislation which was keeping 10 per cent of employees of the postal department on a temporary basis; and also asked for time and a half overtime for all civil servants.

Mr. Hurry urged rehabilitation now, saying those men who have already returned from overseas should be placed in jobs. He also asked consideration for those unfit for service who had refused higher paying work to enter employment with the postoffice and were working there in good faith.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a brown leather traveling bag to W. J. Knotts, past president, who had headed the branch for 10 years. C. W. Tubbs, a member of the executive, made the presentation. In thanking the members for the gift, Mr. Knotts expressed his willingness to help any member with problems in which his experience would help. He said it was a good thing to see new blood coming into the branch.

Jack Headley, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Postal Employees, and Bert Adams, president, who were guests of the dinner, spoke of the fine work that had been done by both organizations in their association with each other and looked forward to increased benefits being gained.

At the end of the speech-making the postmen, who numbered close to 50, drew away from the

## Uncle Ray

VICTORIOUS 'BONHOMMIE RICHARD' WAS CONVERTED FRENCH MERCHANT VESSEL

(Note: This article, by special arrangement with A. S. Barnes and Company, is based on a chapter contributed by Uncle Ray to "Famous Generals and Admirals for Boys and Girls," which is shortly to appear in book form.)

Few sea fights in history have gained the fame which has come to the battle between the Bonhomme Richard and the Serapis in 1779.

The Bonhomme Richard was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin, author of "Poor Richard's Almanac." It was an old French merchant vessel which John Paul Jones had turned into a man-of-war.

The engagement took place in the North Sea on a September day. Jones sighted a large British fleet of merchant vessels under guard of a frigate named the Serapis and a sloop of war.

### TWO CANNON BURST

Two of the old cannon on the Bonhomme Richard burst when the first broadside was fired. The Serapis had 50 guns against the 40 now left on the American vessel.

Captain Pearson sailed the Serapis to the rear where he could send in a raking broadside. These shots had a telling effect, but in the growing darkness the British ship passed too close. Seeing the bowsprit of the Serapis hanging over the deck of his own ship, Jones called for a hawser and lashed it to one of his masts. The bowsprit broke off, but the rigging of the two vessels was now tangled and they could not be separated for the time being. Sails had been knocked down by both sides.

Two men on the American ship suddenly called out that it was sinking. Jones heard them and threw two pistols at them. He did not want the British to know about any trouble on board.

At this point the British captain asked whether Jones wanted to surrender and received the reply, "I have not yet begun to fight!" The Bonhomme Richard really was not sinking, but she was leaking badly, and pumps had to be used to keep her afloat.

### MEN KEPT ON FIRING

The men on both sides kept firing their cannon, and more wreckage littered the decks. The fighting was now taking place in the moonlight. A British boarding party tried to get on the Bonhomme Richard, but American

banquet table to take part in a program of entertainment provided by W. Mann, F. Michelin, Monty Gosnell, Ernie Crookford, CPO, Ernie Fullerton, R.C.N.V.R., and Fred Harding, who showed colored moving pictures.

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sharpshooters drove them back with heavy loss.

A strange event now took place. One of the smaller vessels which had sailed with Jones came within gun range. It would have been welcome help, but it was under command of a Frenchman who later was judged to be ill-balanced in mind. His gunners were told to fire, and they sent volleys of grapeshot which did as much damage to the Americans as to the British. The British captain, however, did not know that the Americans were suffering in equal measure. It seemed to him that another American warship was coming to the scene and he decided it would be best to surrender.

### BOTH VESSELS TOOK FIRE

Both vessels were afloat when the Serapis struck her colors. The sailors were able to quench the flames, but it took them many hours to clear the wreckage from the decks.

The next day Jones studied the Serapis and decided that it was in better condition. It was much newer, and had been able to stand the pounding better. Sadly the captain ordered his men to leave their own vessel and transfer to the captured ship. The Bonhomme Richard sank to the bottom two days later.

Shortly after winning the fight against the Serapis, Capt. Jones learned that one of the vessels of his little fleet had captured the

British sloop of war. The merchant ships under escort had escaped in the night, but the action was looked upon as an important victory.

John Paul Jones was awarded a gold medal by the Congress of the United States for his daring, as commander of the Bonhomme Richard.

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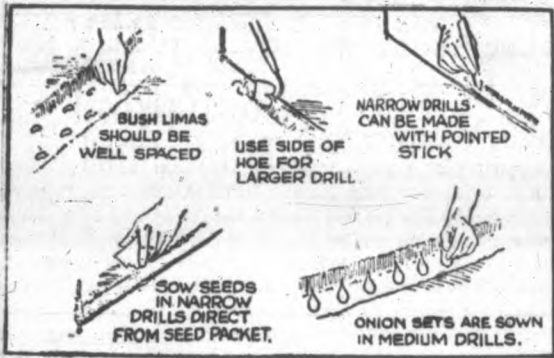
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## Young Plants Need Care In Transplanting



By HENRY L. FREE

BECAUSE we depend upon seeds for our vegetables, by all means start with good seeds. It is always most economical to buy seeds of good quality and from reliable local and nationally recognized dealers. Avoid those who sell "cut-rate," as well as the door-to-door agent who is not an authorized representative of a well-known firm.

Seeds sown out of doors in the garden are usually sown in furrows or hills. A furrow is a shallow trench and the seed is sown rather close together, lightly covered with fine soil. Hill sowing is placing a few seeds close together at regularly distant intervals.

Beet, carrot, spinach, etc., are examples of furrow sowing, while seeds of squash, cucumbers and pole beans are sown in hills. No seed should be sown until the soil has been well prepared and

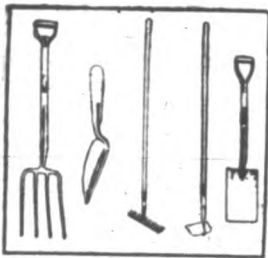
the rows staked out according to your preconceived plan.

First, rake the surface of the soil to break up lumps and to remove any sticks or large stones which have worked up. Second, stretch a fairly stout line a couple of inches high along the row to be planted, making sure that it is straight and tight. Third, use the handle or the corner of the hoe to make the shallow furrow the recommended depth for that particular seed. Fourth, sprinkle a little fertilizer in the bottom of the furrow, cultivate in and water with sprinkling can or hose. Fifth, cover seed with soil and tamp with back of hoe or flat board to insure contact of seed and soil.

To sow seed thickly means to thin quickly, and by careful handling, 50 per cent of your seed and much labor of thinning will be saved. Small seed should be sown by having only a few in the ground and letting them fall through the fingers. With practice, the novice can soon place the seed in a straight line and at regular intervals.

No definite rule can be made as to the depth for placing seed, the smaller the seed, the nearer to the surface should be the rule. Generally speaking, four times the thickness of the seed is advised. Seed in clay soil should be shallower than in sandy soil. Early and late sowing should also be nearer the surface.

### Buy Best Tools You Can Afford



Essential garden tools, left to right above, are: square-tine digging fork, offset-handled trowel, level-headed rake, six-inch hoe, lightweight spade.

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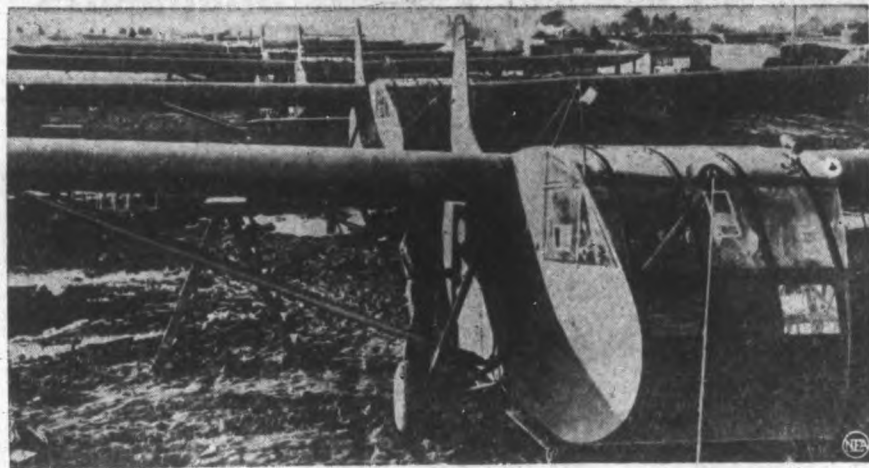
ONE cannot do good gardening with poor tools. Because there are not many tools for sale, the gardener must choose wisely and buy only the best.

Cheap tools are usually stamped out of thin-gauge sheet metal and lack adequate weight and strength. The parts, usually riveted together, soon work loose, while handles of inferior, unseasoned wood tend to break or warp.

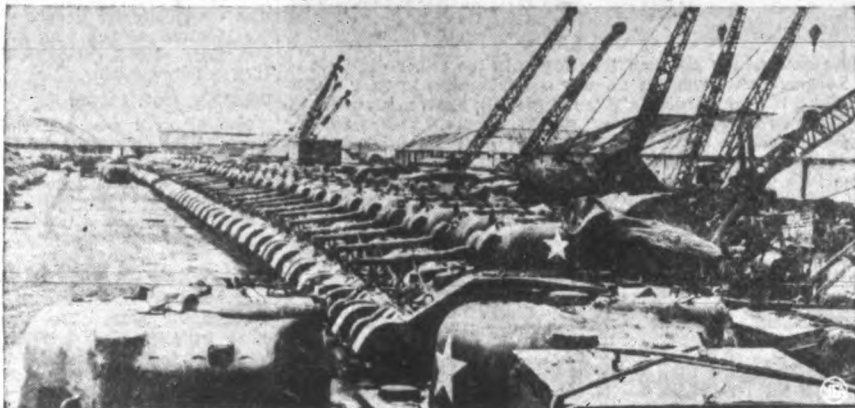
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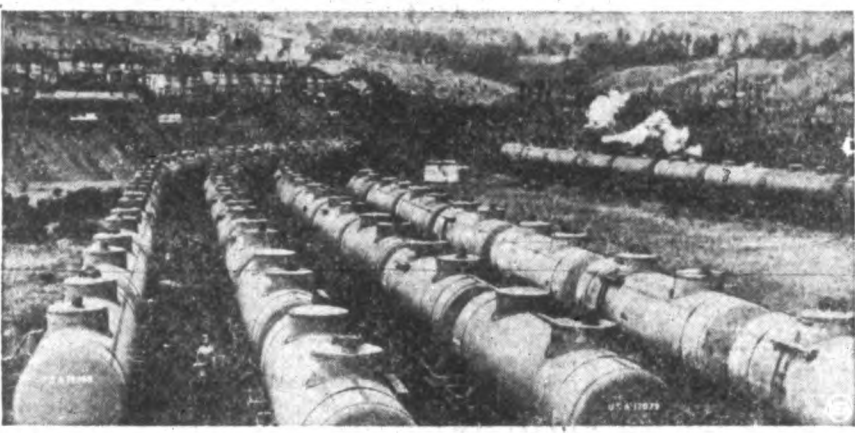
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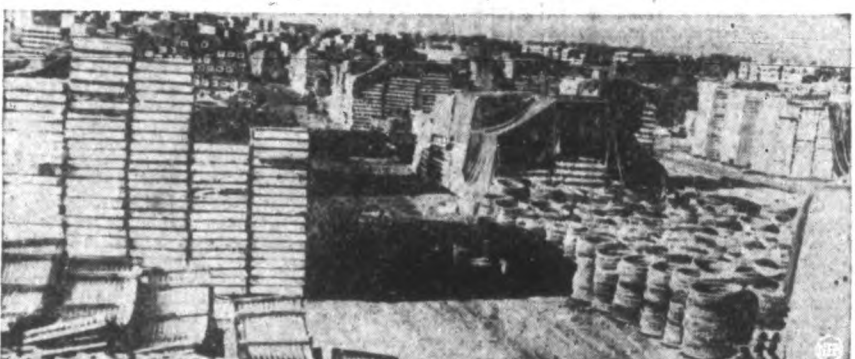
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The essential tools, in my opinion, consist of a long-handled shovel, light in weight because it is easy on the back; a digging fork with square tines, useful for breaking up the heavy clay soil and for spreading manure and compost; a garden hoe with six-inch-wide blade; and a sturdy steel garden rake with a level head, one with curved teeth on which the shank has been welded to the rake; and an offset socket, seven-inch blade, nurseryman's trowel. The offset handle is most handy for transplanting seedling plants. Other essential garden equipment includes a tape measure and/or yardstick; line and stakes, watering can, hose and washers, duster, sprayer, pruning shears and a sharp knife.

A wheel cultivator, garden spade, wheelbarrow, mattock hoe, four-tine manure fork, are other tools to add as your income or the supply permits. Adjustable tools are not recommended since they easily get out of kilter.

## Stop Weed Growth Early

CULTIVATING the Victory garden should start as soon as the young plants begin to grow in the garden rows.

At this stage, if the soil between the rows is stirred, it will be found to be full of tiny white sprouts, which are weeds, beginning to develop.

One easy stroke of a sharp hoe will destroy scores of them before they have begun to compete with the vegetable plants for available plant food and water.

As long as weeds are killed in infancy, cultivation will be easy, but once they are allowed to begin substantial growth, not only do crops suffer, but work will increase, and the care of the garden may become a chore.

When tools are kept sharp and cultivation never neglected, it

calls for no more physical exertion than wielding a broom. Modern advice is to take it easy and never stir the ground deeper than one inch. This is sufficient to kill young weeds, without disturbing the roots of the vegetable plants. It also breaks the soil crust, and allows air and water to penetrate readily.

Deep cultivation will dry out the soil, and may disturb the surface roots of your vegetable plants, which may do more harm than the cultivation does good.

Besides destroying weeds in the space between rows, those which grow in the row itself must be pulled when tiny. This requires hand work, and is always tedious, but if attended to promptly it takes little time, and once the vegetables have become well established, hand weeding will be unnecessary.

## BOOKS

Decadent Europe, Virile Russia "THE FUTURE POPULATION OF EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION," Princeton University Research (published by Columbia University Press).

POPULATION of northwestern and central Europe will decline within the next generation. The decline will be speeded up by the war, but would occur in any case.

Indeed, most of the countries of this region will attain their maximum population by 1955 if the trends of the interwar period continue.

Population of southern and eastern Europe will increase somewhat longer.

That of the Soviet Union will experience an enormous growth within prewar boundaries, and in spite of large war losses will have gained perhaps as many as 50,000,000 people between 1940 and 1970.

These conclusions are derived from a series of population projections that form the basis of a study about to be published by the Economic, Financial and Transit Department of the League of Nations at Princeton, New Jersey. The study has been conducted for the League of Nations by the Office of Population Research of Princeton University, and available in book form under the title, "The Future Population of Europe and the Soviet Union."

The authors call attention to the difference between the situation at the time of the First World War, when war losses were quickly closed over by the high rate of natural increase of rapidly-growing populations, and the current one when the war strikes European populations, which are growing at a much slower rate. The losses will be made up with great difficulty, if at all, in northwestern Europe. Only in southeastern Europe and in Soviet Russia may they be expected to quickly recover by natural increase.

Fundamentally, these different rates of growth are related to the age structure of the populations. The northwestern and central European countries have populations centering in higher age groups than those of the southeast and Russia. The most numerous age group in Germany in 1940 was that of 30 to 35 years, while the Soviet Union had more children under five than in any other five-year age span, who will form the basis for rapid growth during the next few decades. Migration from the more rapidly growing areas might affect the situation but would have to be on an unprecedented scale in order to change the picture materially, and the authors do not expect a balance to be achieved in this way.

These conditions may be expected to raise different economic and social problems for the countries of slower and those of more rapid growth. The northwestern and central European countries will face the necessity of adapting their institutions to an older population with fewer dependent children and more dependent old people. Persons over 65 years of age in that area are now only a little over one-third as numerous as those under 15, but by 1970, on the assumptions of the projections, there will be almost as many over 65 as under 15 years. The economy must then employ an increasing number of older workers, for while the total labor force is likely to remain virtually stationary during the next 25 years, the number of these workers between 45 and 65 years of age will increase by about 14,000,000.

In southern and eastern Europe the already existent pressure of population upon a largely agrarian economy will be aggravated by rapid increases in the labor force, too large to be cancelled even by severe war losses. In this area the most rapid population growth is occurring in the poorest and most backward sections. The authors find their best hope for relief in the industrialization and economic development of the region, which would meet the double purpose of providing the means of raising the level of living and at the same time foster the conditions that in the past have brought about a reduction in fertility and population growth. They see little likelihood that rapid growth in the Soviet Union holds any threat of serious population pressure. Her vast territory and undeveloped resources would seem to assure adequate opportunity for a rapidly increasing population. They suggest that "the pattern of industrialization; rising standard of living; and gradual lessening of population growth which has occurred in western Europe may be expected to follow in Russia."

Disclaiming any ability as crystal gazers, the authors point out that much of the demographic development of the period up to 1970 is inevitably

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### Library Leaders

Diggon-Hibben Ltd.—"The Cur-tain Rises," Quentin Reynolds; "My Life With the Enemy," Phyllis Argall; "Wingate's Raiders," Charles G. Rolo.

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calm and equable.... "Lacking the textual evidence, the reviewer would hardly have thought it possible. But there it is, meaning whatever it may, and he who runs may read it.

### ANOTHER BUNCLE

"THE TWO MRS. ABBOTTS," a new Buncle book by D. E. Stevenson, published by the Oxford University Press, Toronto.

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Capt. H. R. Robinson of the local company said the barge was safe and would be quickly pumped out. The barge, which is owned by Gibson Brothers Ltd. of Vancouver, was bound from Kyuquot to this port Wednesday night when it was nearly swamped by heavy seas five miles off Beale. The ticklish situation was made known by radio-telephone and salvage vessels and lifeboat crews stood by to give aid.

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## Thos. N. Rolfe Dies

Thomas Neil Rolfe, 89, a native of London, Eng., who had lived in Victoria since 1889, died Friday night at Royal Jubilee Hospital after a short illness.

Coming to Canada in 1889, Mr. Rolfe had lived in Toronto, Newcastle and Bowmanville, Ont., before coming here. He was employed by the Melrose Co. Ltd. here for several years. A member of St. John's Church, Mr. Rolfe had sung in the church choir for 50 years. He was a member of the Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. R. C. Blackburn, Kamloops, and Mrs. L. R. McGregor, Creston, B.C.; one son, V. McN. Rolfe, Victoria; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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By DICK FREEMAN

CPO. James Hay, native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who made his home in Victoria for three years past, was killed at sea, Feb. 28, according to advices received by his sister, Mrs. Jessie Kierstead, Niagara Falls, Ont. A brother, Peter, also lives at Niagara Falls. No details are available regarding the death of Hay. He had been in the Royal Navy for a quarter of a century, and was pensioned as chief petty officer. He was acting in that capacity for some time on H.M.C.S. Prince Robert.



ASPO. James H. Joyce, R.C.N.V.R., who was recently promoted from leading stoker at a west coast establishment of R.C.N. Formerly a lumber employee at Port Alberni, Joyce joined the navy in May, 1941. Since that time has served a year in one of Canada's newest minesweepers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Joyce, 2534 Quadra. Two brothers are at present in the Canadian Army and a sister is serving with the R.C.A.F. (W.D.)

P.O. J. E. Scott, R.C.A.F., Kildonan, V.I., has graduated and received his commission at No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. Western Air Command reports. . . . Sgt. C. H. McInnes, R.C.A.F., Chemainus, graduated as air gunner from No. 3 B and G school, Macdonald, Man.

Sgt.-Pilot A. T. (Alf) Jenkins, 20, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jenkins, 518 Joffre, Esquimalt, who graduated as a pilot from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask., has left for London, Ont., after spending leave with his parents. He was born here, completed his education at Esquimalt High School, was prominent in sports, soccer, basketball and box lacrosse. . . . A Victoria boy on leave is Sgt. George Henry Allen, 20, R.C.A.F., who recently graduated as wireless air gunner from No. 5 B and S school, Dafoe, Sask. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, 234 Oswego. . . . Another W.A.G. Dafoe graduate now home is Sgt. Philip A. Barber, 20, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Barber, 338 Michigan. He joined the air force in December, 1942, went to Edmonton training depot and was on leave for several months before posting to Winnipeg and Dafoe. Allen and Barber have been posted to Patricia Bay.



WO. Henry Deacon, R.C.N.V.R., Victoria, recent graduate of special officers' training course at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S. He was promoted from lower deck.

AB. Raymond Manzer, R.C.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Manzer, Sooke, has arrived overseas according to word received by his parents. . . . CPO. Malcolm Butt, Duncan, has been serving for almost four years on H.M.C.S. Prince Robert hoping to meet a Duncan boy aboard her. He writes home saying: "I am still hoping."



LAC. Peter Robert Williams, R.C.A.F., 482 Nelson, Esquimalt, who received his "sparks" at No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, March 10.

Brig. J. F. Preston, Friday night formally opened the new drill hall of Canadian Coastal and Anti-aircraft Artillery School at Fort Macaulay. The brigadier was introduced to the gathering of soldiers and civilians by Lt. Col. McIntosh. Military Band, under Bandmaster Bower, played selections and Footlight Follies gave an entertaining revue. R. H. Miles, Y.M.C.A. supervisor, presented bouquets of artillery colors to Mrs. Preston and Mrs. McIntosh on behalf of his organization.

Ladysmith district felt the impact of war casualties this week. . . . P.O. Douglas Thicke, R.C.A.F., was killed in a flying accident in England, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. F. Thicke, Saltair. A brother is on the Ladysmith High School staff. . . . P.O. James Gourlay, R.C.A.F., is reported missing on air operations overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gourlay, he was born and educated at Ladysmith. . . . FH-Lt. Dan Quayle, R.C.A.F., also is reported missing. He was formerly on the staff of the Dominion Biological Station, Departure Bay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quayle, Ladysmith.

## City Child Latest Diphtheria Suspect

Two suspects removed to the Jubilee Isolation Hospital this week were definitely classified today as diphtheria cases, and a third patient, a four-year-old girl, was admitted as a suspect Friday night, Dr. Richard Felton, city health officer, announced today. It was too early, he said, to give a definite diagnosis of the child.

Previously four others had been listed as diphtheria cases. With the exception of one, a young boy from Oak Bay who succumbed to the illness, all those in hospital were reported progressing favorably.

There appeared no connection between the child admitted Friday night and others now under treatment. The little girl came from the Victoria West neighborhood. Among other cases are two women, one the wife of an airman, the other the wife of a shipyard worker, a small girl and a naval rating. Investigations to date have failed to disclose the source of the illness, which has reappeared in Victoria for the first time in nine years.

## Clergy Here Oppose Anti-Dissension Bill

Protestant clergymen, at a committee meeting in Victoria Friday, registered unanimous opposition to the anti-dissension bill introduced by Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver East, in the House of Commons, Ottawa, March 20. The bill, which would mean an amendment to the Criminal Code, would make an offence actions which tended to cause dissension.

Rev. J. B. Rowell, Central Baptist Church, today announced: "I register a very definite protest against the bill because it is apparently against free speech and also liberty of conscience. To my mind this could be compared to a return to the Dark Ages."

He said public meetings will be held when an opportunity will be given for those who wish to express their opposition to any such legislation. Such meetings, he added, will be held all across Canada, if possible.

He held there was a similarity between the bill introduced by Mr. MacInnis and that put before the Ontario Legislature recently which would prevent publication of any discriminatory matter referring to race or creed. "As those who love British liberty, we propose protesting against it," Dr. Rowell said.

Dr. A. E. Whitehouse, pastor of the Metropolitan United Church, was also firm in his opposition. He felt Mr. MacInnis might have had certain specific things in mind when introducing his bill. However, said Dr. Whitehouse, taken literally, such a bill would destroy practically all free speech on the part of ministers.

Attempts are being made to gain further information as to the progress of the bill. Hope was expressed the bill would be thrown out on its second reading.

## Youths Admit Thefts

City police reported today three youths taken into custody near the Pacific Market, 1501 Haulin, which had been broken into Friday night, had confessed entering the Hillside Community Store Thursday night.

One of the youths, police said, had admitted entering the Sea Cadets' Hall earlier this year with two other juveniles.

Going to the home of one of the youths police reported they had found a quantity of cigarettes believed to have been taken from the Hillside Community Store.

The boys were turned over to their parents. Arthur Rudge, juvenile officer, is making further investigations.

## TOWN TOPICS

City firemen were called out shortly before noon today to a fire at 1124 View Street. It is reported a rubbish fire had been started and, getting out of hand, set fire to a small shed at the rear of the apartment. The fire was put out quickly and damage was slight.

A sunrise service will be conducted by The Gideons at Beacon Hill Park Easter Sunday morning at 7.45, M. F. Hunter, president of the Victoria Camp, announced today. The Salvation Army Band will be in attendance and the service will be conducted on the rise just east of the Douglas Street entrance to the park.

Resignation of Frank W. Wilfert, regional production officer for the Wood Fuel Control, has been accepted, and will become effective March 31. Mr. Wilfert has been with the Department of Munitions and Supply, in his present capacity, for 18 months, and intends to return to the lumber business on Vancouver Island, where for the past 20 years he has been connected with sawmill and logging operations.

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City Council to request a tag day for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund is sought by the Victoria branch of the fund organization in a letter received at the City Hall today. The branch expressed appreciation for announcement of Saanich's co-operation and plans by the city to invite participation from other municipalities and stated it would welcome appointment of Ald. J. A. Worthington to the branch executive.

Civil Defence  
Oak Bay—Wardens south of Oak Bay Avenue will meet at the Municipal Hall at 8 Tuesday evening for first aid instruction. Those answering questionnaire will meet at 7.30.

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## Chaplin Trial To Resume Monday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A court  
ruling prevents Charles Chaplin's  
lawyer questioning Joan Berry  
about a romance with another  
man. Defence attorney Jerry  
Giesler told reporters: "This  
closes the door on our books."

Immediately after a brief re-  
cess Friday, Giesler announced  
he was through with the cross-  
examination of the government's  
chief witness in its effort to con-  
vict the actor on a Mann Act  
indictment.

The ruling followed a 58-min-  
ute conference at Judge J. F.  
T. O'Connor's bench in which  
Giesler said later he had made  
various offers or proof in resist-  
ing the government's objection to  
his line of questioning.

U.S. Attorney Charles H. Carr,  
with a few questions about Miss  
Berry's visit to Chaplin's Beverly  
Hills home with a loaded pistol,  
brought her testimony on behalf  
of the prosecution to a close.

The question which preceded  
the lengthy conference and to  
which Carr made quick objection,  
was:

"In November, 1942, before you  
left for Tulsa did you have a  
conversation with Hans Reusch  
in which you said in effect that  
you were broke but that you  
knew where you could get some  
money in Oklahoma from a busi-  
nessman who had to give you  
some money because you had  
made a trip from Mexico and  
there is a law against that in  
the United States and he can't  
do that?"

Reusch was not further iden-  
tified.

The trial went over until  
Monday.

## Berlin Reports Raid On Bulgarian Capital

LONDON (CP)—A D.N.B.  
announcement from Berlin to-  
day asserted Allied aircraft made  
"terror attacks" on Sofia, capital  
of Bulgaria, Friday. There  
has been no announcement of an  
attack on Sofia from Allied  
sources.

He referred to the statement  
of Mr. Coleman when he was in  
Victoria last November, when the  
C.P.R. president said the com-  
pany had in mind adequate re-  
placement of coastwise as well  
as ocean tonnage, but that the  
building of such vessels would  
depend largely on construction  
costs and availability of ship-  
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by the company, the B.C. coast  
service chief observed there was  
no possibility of new construction  
being undertaken while the war  
was in progress.

Any plans that might have  
been prepared, he said, would  
have to be approved by the com-  
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Current reports indicate that  
the proposed new ships, when  
construction is undertaken, will  
be of vastly improved design and  
accommodations compared with  
the princess boats with which  
the travelling public on this  
coast are familiar. The Kathleen  
and Marguerite, biggest and  
fastest of the coastwise fleet,  
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for postwar operation, it is re-  
ported, will be luxuriously  
equipped with bedroom-type  
staterooms, largely replacing  
rooms with fixed berths. The  
staterooms, it is indicated, will  
be fitted with disappearing beds  
of the very newest type in pas-  
senger ship building design.

Greater lower-deck space also  
will be provided, it is stated, for  
the accommodation of automo-  
biles. Postwar tourist traffic to  
Canada is expected to show phe-  
nomenal development and the  
transportation companies are not  
overlooking travel expansion of  
the future.

Other companies like the Cana-  
dian National and Union  
Steamship of B.C. are reported  
to be considering expansion.

The old C.N. steamer Prince  
Rupert and Prince George will  
soon have outlived their useful-  
ness. Unconfirmed reports are  
current that the national com-  
pany has tonnage replacements  
under consideration.

New coast boats have been  
acquired by the Union Steamship  
Co. of B.C. for the freighting  
trade and new passenger steam-  
ers may be a development.

## Protection Planned For Deepsea Sailors

VANCOUVER (CP)—"Active  
attention" to the question of com-  
pensation for deepsea sailors in-  
jured in the course of duty has  
been promised to the Canadian  
Congress of Labor by Transport  
Minister Michael, according to a  
letter received by J. M. Smith,  
secretary of the Deepsea and Inland  
Boatmen's Union of the Pacific.

The letter follows representa-  
tions made to the minister by  
C.C.L. secretary Pat Conroy, who  
had been requested to take up  
the issue by the Vancouver Labor  
Council.







ENDS TODAY! At 6.19, 9.05  
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THRILLS! MUSIC! ROMANCE!

**DESERT SONG** IN TECHNICOLOR  
DENNIS MORGAN DARED TO LEAD OF THE RIFLES!  
IRENE MANNING SINGING SONGS OF THE RIFLES!

EXTRA  
Cartoon in Technicolor  
"BUGS BUNNY AND THE THREE BEARS"  
SPORTS NOVELTY • FLICKER  
FLASHBACKS • NEWS

Capitol

Ends Today, 6.22, 9.17  
ALICE FAYE in  
"THE GANG'S ALL HERE"  
PLUS—"TRUCK BUSTERS" with E. CHARD TRAVIS

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TWO MIGHTY HITS IN ONE STAR-IFIC SHOW!

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GEORGE BRENT in  
**THE RAINS CAME**  
ATLAS

RONALD COLMAN CLAUDETTE COLBERT  
ROSALIND RUSSELL  
Victor McLaglen  
**UNDER TWO FLAGS**

TODAY AND MONDAY! THREE GREAT STARS  
ANOTHER SUPER ALL-FEMME CAST!  
CONQUERING THE COUNTRY BY "THE VOICE"  
WITH THE DREAM OF WOMEN IN DANGER!

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**CRY HAVOC**  
FAY Bainter • MARGA HUNT  
ELLA RAINES • FRANCES GIFFORD  
DIANA LEWIS • HEATHER ANGEL

EXTRA  
"WATER WISDOM"  
Pete Smith Novelty  
"BEARS' TALK"  
Morris Motonic Color Cartoon

DOMINION

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And Others

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"BARBER OF SEVILLE"  
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**'Flying Clipper' In Movie Comedy**

The most important quay in the world today—that at Lisbon, Portugal, the only neutral gateway to Europe—is in the movies now.

This landing spot for America's flying ships, the Clippers, has been photographed for use in Warner Bros. film, "Affectionately Yours," which co-stars Merle Oberon and Dennis Morgan and comes Monday to the York Theatre.

Landings from clippers which are exactly like those used on our trans-Atlantic route, and departures—both highly dramatic in real-life Lisbon these days—were filmed at the specially-built quay. Actual landings and take-offs of the clippers themselves, however, were filmed last month at Lisbon.

La Guardia Field is also used in "Affectionately Yours," which co-stars Merle Oberon and Dennis Morgan and comes Monday to the York Theatre.

**OAK BAY-PLAZA THEATRES**

Robert Benchley, celebrated humorist of stage and screen, is starred in a key role in Universal's "Flesh and Fantasy," in which he shares stellar honors with Betty Field, Robert Cummings, Edward G. Robinson, Charles Boyer and Barbara Stanwyck. The film is showing at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres.

**CADET THEATRE**

With Ann Miller heading a top-flight cast which includes such entertainers as Duke Ellington, Bob Crosby, Count Basie and Freddie Slack, and their respective orchestras, Columbia's sparkling "Reveille With Beverly" today ends its swing-filled run at the Cadet Theatre.

**Tonight at 8.20**  
The Royal Canadian Navy Presents  
**"MEET THE NAVY"**  
Cast of 135 • 40 Lovely Wrens  
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Lightning starts one out of 10 forest fires each year, the others are man-caused, and usually are due to someone's carelessness.

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ONE WEEK, Beg. Mon., April 3  
JOHN C. WILSON Presents  
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**BLITHE SPIRIT**  
Noel Coward's Best Comedy  
STAGED BY MR. WILSON SETTINGS BY STEWART CHANEY

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**Best Coward Play Comes to Vancouver**

Noel Coward's famous stage comedy, "Blithe Spirit," comes to the Lyric Theatre, Vancouver, for one week starting Monday, April 3, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday. The international laughing hit will be offered by the original New York cast, following a run of 682 performances on Broadway, and the company is headed by four noted stars, Clifton Webb, Peggy Wood, Mildred Natwick and Haila Stoddard. John C. Wilson is both the producer and the director.

Written in six days while its celebrated author was on furlough, "Blithe Spirit" has been the most successful of all Noel Coward's 29 contributions to the theatre in the form of plays, operettas and revues. Its hilarious story of the peace-loving novelist who finds himself with two wives on his hands, one his living second mate, Ruth, and the other the beautiful and implacable shade of his first wife, Elvira, evoked as the result of a seance, is now in its third year in London while the company to be seen in Vancouver, the only one presenting it in this country, performed it for 87 weeks on Broadway. It has been praised as Coward's gayest and wittiest play and, as one critic wrote at the time of its New York premiere, "it shakes the laughter rafters."

**2 All-Time Hits Make Great Show**

Two all-time hits in one tremendous show! That's the combination awaiting moviegoers on Monday at the Atlas Theatre.

On one program for the first time will be seen 20th Century-Fox's spectacular picturization of Louis Bromfield's best-selling novel, "The Rains Came," and Ouida's immortal story of fighting Foreign Legionnaires battling desert tribesmen in the thrilling adventure-drama, "Under Two Flags."

Tyrone Power, Myrna Loy and George Brent are the stars heading the cast of colorful characters in "The Rains Came," while Ronald Colman, Claudette Colbert, Rosalind Russell and Victor McLaglen will be seen in "Under Two Flags."

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**Back to Farms**  
CALGARY (CP) — One-third of approximately 700 agricultural workers in the Calgary district who worked in city industries in the fall and winter have now returned to the farms, Arthur Wood, Selective Service official, said.

**RIO THEATRE**  
Armida has collaborated with Joan Edwards, radio singer, in the writing of several popular songs, with lyrics by Joan and the music as well as the words of a Mexican version by Armida. The magnetic "Mexican bombshell," currently at the Rio Theatre, is featured with Eddie Quillan, Joan Woodbury and "Slapay Maxie" Rosenbloom in Monogram's uproarious comedy, "Here Comes Kelly."

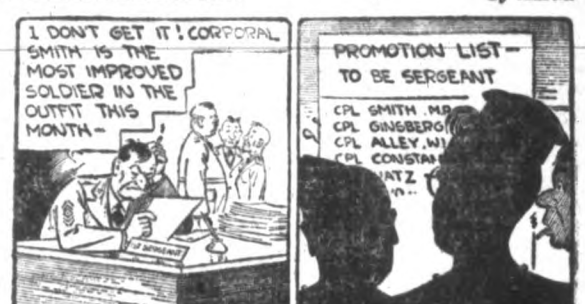
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